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## STRIKERS LEAVE NEXT MOVE

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## TO EMPLOYERS Tramways Demand 100 P.C. Pay Rise

Officials of the Chinese Engineers Institute told the Labour Officer yesterday morning that they were unable to scale down further their demand for a 120 per cent pay increase, unless the employers make the next move by improving upon their original offer of a 20 per cent increase.

This is tantamount to calling off further negotiations as far as the strikers are concerned.

Following this advice from the Institute, a meeting of the employers was held in the afternoon.

It lasted for three hours. Afterwards the following statement was issued by the Labour Officer (Mr. B.C.K. Hawkins), who has been acting as mediator:

### Employers' Case

"The last joint meeting of the employers of the dockyards and the officials of the Chinese Engineers' Institute took place in the Labour Office on Monday afternoon August 25.

"At this meeting the Union officials stated that they were presenting their demands in a new manner.

"Whereas they had previously put forward a blanket demand for 120 per cent increase in basic wages, they now asked for 120 per cent increase divided into two parts—60 per cent increase to be on basic wages and 60 per cent to be added by a special allowance.

"In addition they asked that length of service should be recognised by the grant of an annual increment of one cent per hour up to a basic wage of 75 cents per hour for all grades other than foremen.

"The meeting was largely given up to clarifying these demands.

"To begin with it was not quite clear whether the representatives were asking for a 60 per cent increase on the basic minimum wage, or whether the demand was for a 60 per cent increase on existing basic wages.

"After considerable discussion,

"The representatives had not, however, prepared any suggestions as to how the price of middle-grade rice was to be ascertained, or how variations in the price of this rice were to affect increases or decreases in the amount of the allowance.

"They agreed that further consideration would be necessary before they could put forward concrete proposals on these points.

"The employers considered that the demands put forward by the Union were still quite beyond their capacity to pay and, further, had not been thought out with sufficient care.

"They maintained that they themselves had already put forward carefully considered concrete proposals which were capable of immediate practical application, and which had been offered in order to secure an early settlement of the dispute.

"Economic circumstances prevented any material alteration in this offer; but when the Engineers' Institute were in a position to make a reasoned and definite demand they would be prepared to consider it.

### "Further Thought"

"The officials of the Engineers' Institute agreed to give the matter further thought that night and to consult with the Labour Officer next morning.

"At the request of the Engineers' Institute official invitations to attend this meeting were also issued to six members of the Strike Committee.

"The meeting took place at ten o'clock on Tuesday, August 26.

"The officials of the Union then stated that they had further altered their demands. They still requested 120 per cent increase divided into two parts, 60 per cent on basic wages and 60 per cent as a special allowance, but they now withdrew their request for annual increments.

"The special allowance, they considered, should be in force for six months if the cost of living was falling.

"At the end of that period a reduction was to be mutually agreed by both sides.

"If, however, the cost of living was rising the allowance should be increased at the end of one month, the increase again to be determined by mutual agreement.

### Demands

"The members of the Strike Committee then added supplementary demands, the most important of which were:—

(1) Overtime pay was to be calculated on the basic salary plus the amount of the special allowance;

(2) Payment at the new rates was to be ante-dated to February 1947;

(3) All workers were to be paid at the new rates for the period of the strike;

(4) The increases were to be granted to all monthly-paid workers who had joined the strike.

"It was pointed out to the representatives that these new demands were not merely in excess of those presented on the previous day, but were in many instances completely unrealistic. For example, the provision regarding the variation of the special allowance was such as to involve both parties in periodical negotiations which would in all probability give rise to further disputes.

"It was suggested also that the establishment of a further special allowance connected with the high cost of living was unnecessary and would only complicate the situation.

"This morning Sir Alexander Grantham, accompanied by Lady Grantham and members of his staff, arrived by air at 3 p.m. yesterday afternoon at Tien Ho airfield.

## Governor In Canton

Canton, Aug. 28.

Sir Alexander Grantham, accompanied by Lady Grantham and members of his staff, arrived by air at 3 p.m. yesterday afternoon at Tien Ho airfield.

He was welcomed at the airfield by Governor Lo Che-ying, Mayor Auyang Chu, Mr. Ronald Hall, (British Consul General) and ranking Chinese officials.

Following the exchange of official calls, General Chang Fak-kei (Director of the President's Canton G.H.Q.) gave a cocktail party in honour of the distinguished visitors.

Leading members of the foreign community and members of the consular body and newspaper executives were invited.

In the evening Governor Lo was host at a dinner for Sir Alexander, Lady Grantham and members of the party.

In a brief speech Governor Lo said that Sir Alexander and he had the common objective of working for the welfare of South China.

This morning Sir Alexander and his party visited Sun Yat-sen University and Lingnan University. —Associated Press.



An action picture of Fun: King-cheung, captain and centre forward of Sing Tao, taking a practice kick on Stamford Bridge ground at London.—A.P.H.

## FRANCE TREATS NEWS OF HO CHI MINH'S DEATH WITH RESERVE

Paris, Aug. 28.

Dr. Ho Chi Minh, leader of the Viet Nam Government, was the subject of conflicting rumours circulating throughout Indo-China today.

One of the rumours, the Agency said, was that Dr. Ho Chi Minh the Viet Namese leader, had been assassinated by a member of the Tong-Bo (Communist) Party, while another unconfirmed and unofficial report was that Dr. Ho Chi Minh would be replaced as leader of the Viet Nam Government.

The rumours were being treated with great reserve by French officials in Indo-China, the Agency added.

Meanwhile, the French refusal to negotiate with Dr. Ho Chi Minh will be declared soon in a policy broadcast by M. Emile Bollaert, the French High Commissioner in Saigon, circles close to the Government believed today.

### Radio Speech

M. Bollaert, who is due to leave Paris for Indo-China by air next Saturday, is expected to make a radio speech emphasising the leading points in the French declaration of policy for dealing with the Viet Nam movement which has been fighting French troops since December 19, 1946.

The basic outlines of the speech were unanimously approved by the Prime Minister, M. Paul Ramadier's Cabinet today, these circles added.

The decision of the Cabinet followed a series of meetings between those members of the inner Cabinet specially interested in the Indo-China problem and M. Bollaert.

The move came as a surprise to many well-informed observers who had believed that the French Government would make some conciliatory move towards Dr. Ho Chi Minh.

The speech which the French High Commissioner for Indo-China will broadcast on his return to Saigon will probably open with a review of France's post-war policy in Indo-China and a reaffirmation of France's willingness to recognise "Viet Nam independence within the framework of the Indo-Chinese Federation and the French Union," these circles said.

M. Bollaert is likely to state that France refuses to negotiate with the Viet Nam movement as being in her eyes an organisation which no longer represents the majority of the Viet Nam people, according to an outline of the speech given by circles close to the Government.

These circles suggested that M. Bollaert would say that while waiting for Viet Nam opinion to make clear its true tendencies, and give it a chance to do so, the French authorities will pursue their task of pacification in the areas where the fighting continues and restoring political tranquillity by entrusting regional administrative committees.

He will maintain, the circles thought, that France will do nothing to hinder the bringing about of a Viet Nam federal structure which would affect regional characteristics.

From such a federal structure, only "bare-brained extremists" would be excluded, these circles said.—Reuter.

### The Weather

The typhoon has intensified and is now centred about 500 miles to the E of Hong Kong moving WNW at 12 knots. Pressure is low over E. and S. China and relatively high over Manchuria and Japan.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate to Westerly winds at first veering and freshening to strong N to NW during the day. Partly cloudy or cloudy with some scattered thundery showers.

Yesterday's Weather:—Maximum: 99.8 deg. Fah. Minimum: 76.1 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 7.9 hours. Rainfall: 10.2 mm. = 0.40 inch. Total since Jan. 1—1959.8 mm. = 77.94 inches as against an average of 1668.7 mm. = 65.74 inches.

Headings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.  
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Rel. Humidity 75 70  
Dew Point 78 72  
Wind Direction Calm W by S  
Wind Force 0 6 knots.

Sub-Inspector G. C. Moss, Officer in Charge of Eastern Police Station, was seriously injured when he slipped and fell into a 20 foot shaft while inspecting a Japanese tunnel on Star Street yesterday morning.

Suffering fractures of the left forearm and leg and lacerations of the left thigh, his condition was reported by Queen Mary's Hospital late yesterday evening to be "satisfactory".

In company with Chief Inspector J. A. McCahey and six police constables, Inspector Moss was probing the lightless tunnel about 20 yards from the opening when he fell into the pit.

Chief Inspector McCahey summoned the Fire Brigade immediately.

Descending into the shaft with precautions taken, Fong Ting Kwon (Ambulance Driver B. of the Fire Brigade) and Inspector McCahey worked for over 1½ hours before they could extricate Moss successfully in a hammock of canvas and ladders.

Gas from the torches filled the pit, making the rescue hazardous.

## Bitter Attack On Reds By Chinese Vice-President

Shanghai, Aug. 28.

Bitter criticism of the Soviet Union's policy towards China was voiced by Dr. Sun Fo, Vice-President of the Republic, who arrived at Canton yesterday.

The Government-controlled Central News Agency says that Dr. Sun Fo stated China today is facing a national crisis more serious than the one created by the "Manchurian incident" in relation to Japan.

He said that whereas Japan's Manchurian incident was fanned inside China only by a small number of "willing pro-Japanese collaborationists," the present Sino-Soviet crisis had been aggravated by the Chinese Communist Party—an organisation international in nature.

Dr. Sun Fo, who is paying his second visit to Canton since V-J day, declared that the United States policy towards China had no imperialistic or ulterior motives.

The anti-American movement, "successfully instigated by the Communists, dovetailed by the Democratic League and perhaps managed backstage by the Soviets," conveyed an erroneous impression to the United States that the Chinese people wanted the Americans to get out of China completely.

### "The Reasons"

The Vice-President said that there were political reasons for the presence of American armed forces in China, but added that the same could not be said for the Soviet Union.

He cited the cases of Dairen and Port Arthur.

"We can see that, in the case of Dairen, the Soviets are occupying it. They cannot refute this fact. But in no way do we see such a move or other imperialistic action on the part of the United States," Dr. Sun Fo added.

"Now that the Japanese threat is removed, we are under a Soviet threat."

### True Tendencies

In his opinion, there are only three solutions to the Chinese Communist problem:

1. The abandonment of a policy of armed force by the Communist.

2. Complete Communist control of China.

3. The complete eradication of the Communist Party.

On the third point, Dr. Sun Fo made a distinction between communism and the Chinese Communist Party.

He stated that he agreed with General Wedemeyer's opinion that the Communists cannot be eradicated or eliminated by military force alone.

He said, however, that the Communist Party could be eliminated through the common people of China through other means.

### Dairen Barred

The Shanghai customs today received instructions from Nanking barring from entering Shanghai all ships which have called at Dairen irrespective of the flag and port of origin.

Unconfirmed reports said the Government was also considering drastic measures, such as detention of vessels for violating the Government order "closing Dairen port."

Pending instructions to this effect the Shanghai Customs will only execute the order barring entrance.

It is recalled that when the Soviet repatriation ship Il'yich arrived in Shanghai on its first trip from Vladivostok via Dairen, the Chinese authorities refused to clear the vessel's departure until they received an assurance from the Soviet Consulate to provide the Chinese authorities with a proper manifest.

### In Korea

Meanwhile, despatches from Seoul say that Russia rejected a United States proposal for an internationally supervised general election in Korea.

Colonel General Shitikov, chief of the Russian delegation on the Joint Commission, made a statement.

## MacMahon Ball Goes Home On Sunday

Tokyo, Aug. 28.

Mr. MacMahon Ball, the former head of the Australian mission in Tokyo and the British Commonwealth representative on the Allied Control Council for Japan, who resigned two weeks ago because he "could not get on with Dr. Euzaki," will leave Tokyo on Sunday for Kure.

He will board the transport Duntroon and return to Australia.

His successor, who was nominated yesterday by the Australian Government, will arrive in Japan on Sunday.

No Commonwealth nomination has yet been received for the Allied Council however.—Reuter.

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## High Nazis Claimed To Be Still Operating

Nuernberg, Aug. 28.

High German Nazis, operating from a secret hide-out, a convicted war criminal said, are directing a campaign to turn the German people against the Allies and back to the ideology of Hitler.

The story comes from Dr. Karl Genhardt, personal physician to Heinrich Himmler. He has been sentenced to hang with Karl Brandt, Hitler's doctor, and five others responsible for the Third Reich's insane medical programme.

They were convicted of torturing thousands of victims in experiments that never yielded a single contribution to medical science.

### Interrogation

Genhardt told of the Nazi underground in an interrogation by the American attorneys recorded in his prison cell.

He gave only a sketchy account but declared his story was "definitely so," adding he had been in secret communication with the secret Nazi underground organisation.

He declined to say who is in it, how it is financed, and how it operates, but did say it functioned "out of Switzerland."

Interrogators said they believed he once led the organisation.

Genhardt said the group assured him it would work to show the German people "the true side of the trials of the Nazi war criminals."

How it intends to work to get across a Nazified version of the trials was not disclosed to him, he said.

The interrogators asserted that it is highly probable one-time influential Nazis are at large to make such an "intellectual underground."

Top-pracher of the Nazi creed, Martin Bormann, deputy to Hitler, never has been rounded up.—Associated Press.

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Early next summer, Kowloon's streets will be decked with 20 new Daimler double-decker buses, the first in the Colony. Mr. W. L. T. Louey, General Manager of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, awaits only the official approval of the Police before he puts his pre-war dream into effect.

The double deckers, to run on the main routes, will relieve congestion at the Kowloon Ferry and facilitate traffic on all main routes in the city, Mr. Loney said.

### Hope Deferred

Mr. Louey had planned to inaugurate double decker buses

Subscriptions received on Aug. 27, 1947:	
In memory of Mr. G.V.T. Marshall: Mr. & Mrs. H.J. Armstrong	\$25.00
Mr. & Mrs. J.A.D. Morrison	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. D.C. Davis	25.00
In Memory of Mr. Jimmy Landau: Mr. & Mrs. Leo d'Almida	25.00
Total	\$ 100.00
H.K. Govt. Contribution	100.00
Received to 298.47	2,800,965.98
Grand Total	\$2,801,165.86

Tokyo, Aug. 28.

Flames from burning documents at the Japanese War Ministry rose so high on the night of August 14, 1945, after the decision to surrender was announced that fire fighting equipment was rushed to the scene, a Japanese witness told the International Military Tribunal today.

In their haste to obey the War Ministry order to destroy all secret documents, employees con signed to flames historical records some of which were nearly 100 years old, according to the testimony of Yuzo Miyama, who said he was the custodian of secret documents at the time.

Miyama said the burning of documents continued for four days but only towards the end was it discovered that practically the entire files of the War Ministry were being burned. And some effort was made to save the historical records.—Associated Press.

Work is now in progress for the widening of the road from Bay View Mansions to the end of Tai Hung.

When completed the road will be almost a hundred feet wide. This part of the road which is slightly below the level of the end sections, will also be raised.

Karachi, Aug. 27.

Governor-General Mohammed Ali Jinnah will fly to Lahore tomorrow to inspect the riot zones in the Punjab, it was reliably learned today. — United Press.

Thousands of children are being turned away from schools in Hong Kong this term owing to lack of accommodation and to a certain extent shortage of qualified teachers.

Schools have been deluged with applications for admission, but due the limited number of vacancies have had to close registration long before the registration period ended.

before the registration period ended. A "China Mail" survey yesterday of Government and grant-in-aid schools and some private schools revealed that at least 1,000 children will have no schooling this year, unless arrangements are made by their elders for private teaching.

This figure does not include those who have failed to gain admission to the many private Chinese and English schools in Hong Kong.

The "Chinese Mail" understands that the Government is conducting the situation and that discussions on the subject

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Curry's agents and managers

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Owners, agents and managers of many Brazilian, Belgian and Chinese companies have received letters threatening either to kill them or blow up their premises in Brazil, supported by Belgium and China, has sent a draft resolution to the Security Council calling for a resumption of Anglo-Egyptian negotiations.

Reader

## Colombo, Aug. 23

Nearly 100 people were killed and 20,000 made homeless in the Kandy district of Central Ceylon by the recent floods on the island. The Governor's Relief Fund now exceeds 250,000 rupees for immediate relief. The food authorities here so 2,200 tons of food today by specially chartered cargo boat Jaffna, in the extreme north of the island, as stocks there were running dangerously low. — Reuters

Ottawa, Aug. 2

1- His Majesty King George VI  
10 approved the omission of "Em-  
per of India" from the Ro-  
style and titles in docu-  
e, affecting Canada, the Exter-  
Affairs Minister, Mr. Louis  
70 Laurent, announced today.  
Technically, the change do-  
not become effective until ap-  
pl. proved by all the Commonwe-  
Parliament, but in prac-  
30 Canada will make the omission  
documents affecting Canada,  
40 said—Ruter.

London, Aug. 3

The Maharaja of Bardia has given instruction to a London firm of auctioneers to sell his estate at Aldworth near Haslemere, Surrey. The estate, which extends over 141 acres, includes a house used as a summer retreat by Lord Alfred, the famous poet.—REUTERS.

Honolulu, Aug. 28.

**Maj.-General Samuel Howard, commander of the Marine Garrison forces in the Pacific, has urged for an extension of the Truman Doctrine to Asia "to stop the march of Communism."**

London, Aug

A Foreign Office source said today that the British Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, will probably not attend the United Nations General Assembly at New York in September unless the Soviet and French foreign ministers do the same.

The absence of the foreign ministers would rule out any interim informal meeting of the Foreign Ministers Council before the London session in November.

—United Press.

Glasgow, Aug. 27. The sailing of the Anchor Line ship *Cameronia* (16,000 tons) from Glasgow to Bombay, with passengers, including Indian troops returning home, and British troops from units in the Middle East, has been cancelled owing to boiler trouble.

The *Cameronia* was due to sail today but the boiler trouble could not be repaired in time.

The 800 British troops, who should have sailed, are now travelling by the *Cheeshire* and the *Staffordshire*, while 400 Indian troops were hoping to return after long service in British ships, will now travel by alternative means.

Manila, Aug. 26.

A number of gold brokers are now "holding the bag" as a result of the Philippine Government's recent clampdown on gold exports to possible blackmarket areas in compliance with International Monetary Fund regulations.

No estimates on the amount now bottled up are available. It is believed to run into considerable sums.

The Finance Secretary (Guillermo Cuadernos), who is one of the Philippine delegates to the United Nations General Assembly, is leaving on Sept. 3, pointing out that the Philippines was the first nation to enforce the Monetary Fund Regulations regarding gold.

In addition, Cudmore called licenses for gold exchange to expire on August 31, 1949, because the destination is "Hong Kong or Macao." Macao is reputedly a blackmarket centre. It was learned that a representative of the International Monetary Fund visited Manila in July and conferred with Philippine government officials regarding the enforcement of the regulations.

Quaderno believes that the portion of 56,500 ounces of gold worth more than \$2,000 from the United States to the Philippines as revealed in U. S. Treasury records undoubtedly occurred, some time ago prior to the enforcement of the gold ban here.

Mr. S.H. de Kantzow, Manager of Cathay Pacific Airways, Ltd., accompanied his wife, left Hong Kong yesterday for short holiday in Manila and Mrs. de Kantzow expected to return by Cebu Tuesday next.

The following passengers arrived from Bangkok by airliner on Wednesday:—Mr. Kahn Ho, Mr. Milton J. Mrs. Pilar Zamora, Mrs. Ojeda, and from Singapore G.N. Brockhurst, Col. Armitage, Capt. O'Connell, Mr. J.A. Nieuwen Mr. W.D. Tucker, Mr. Foley. Passengers who left for yesterday by C.P.A. airliners included:—Mr. Luh Lo, Mr. Tang Bi, Mr. Milton J. G.N. Brockhurst, Mrs. Russel and Mr. Robert R.

The forthcoming wedding of Clifford Clarence Whitlock, Eng. Acro, R.A.F. Kai T Chai Cheung, 236 Wanchai has been announced.

Canton, Aug

The District Court today convicted three Lingnan Union students of murder of their classmate Tsz Hui-fu.

Tu Hui-yung was sentenced to life imprisonment and Chin-hung and Kwan Hei received 15 year prison terms each.

The dean was assaulted refusing to inform the students of his examination results of his injuries.

John Cobb, the famous racing motorist, today boldly attempts to establish his own world land speed record to 400 miles per hour here at 400 miles per hour.

He encountered no trouble on his two trial runs and the fastest time was 38.8 seconds for 400 miles per hour against his mile of 38.8 miles per hour.

**The Festival of Spirits (Yu Lan Jit) will be observed by the majority of Chinese people today, the 14th day of the 7th Moon.**

According to Chinese belief, spirits from the neither world are granted, by the King of Hades, a holiday on this day each year so that they might return to this world where they once lived as mortals.

In the homes of those who observe the Festival, candles and incense sticks are lighted before the ancestral tablets. Cooked rice, chicken, pork, fruit and wine are also laid out in front of these ancestral tablets, with stewed duck and taro forming the chief item on the menu.

# Occupation Land Deals

Sir.—A recent court decision confirming the land deal in occupation days has disappointed the people of the north. The hard feelings of the enemy under whose monopoly and syndicate system of those closely collaborated to the detriment of the Allied cause could amass fortunes big enough to invest in real estates.

After detailed perusal of the learned judge's opinion I have been able to ascertain the hard feelings that His Honour reveals that monetarism on state properties has not been lifted.

Through your paper I appeal the name of those internecine, traitors and dead patriots to Government that they may be remembered and dealt as heavily as is not fully commensurate.

Orders by Lieut. Colonel Owen-Hughes, E.D., Acting Commandant, H.K.V.D. Corps. Order No. 31/47 dated 28th August 1947.

**Information Required.**—Any person having any knowledge of the whereabouts of the next-of-kin of 1454 L/Cpl. J.B. Sturgeon, No. 1 Company, H.K.V.D.C., is asked to communicate with the Adjutant without delay.

**War Memorial Fund.**—The following is reproduced for information:—The attention of all concerned is directed to the existence of the War Memorial

Gold opened yesterday at a fuel and closed at \$378.50. Reports of renewed fighting Indo-China caused a drop in futures from \$14.40 to \$13.65 an Earlier in the week it had t \$15.00.

Chinese National Currency futures opened at 13.1 cents closed at 13.25 cents for CN\$ Spot was nominal at 13.75 c U.S. dollars were firm at Sterling was at \$13.60; an A New forward at \$13.55.

"A petition against the exorbitant increase in Crown Rents is being prepared and will shortly be submitted to the Colonial Secretary," said Mr. Robert Der, Chairman of the Kowloon Chinese Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

According to Mr. Der, owners of land have recently received notices from the Crown Lands Department to the effect that fees on land occupied by them will be increased as from Oct. 1.

Quoting an example, Mr. Der said that the occupier of a plot of land, used for the purpose of storing earthenware containing jars, has been called upon to pay \$3,024 per annum for

The previous annual fee was \$448.

Dr. Reid said that this increase could have only a detrimental effect on business in general, and the cost of living in particular.

"Factory owners and proprietors of timber yards in the slum, Chuehchayan and kokai will be the chief losers if the proposed fee is not reviewed," said Mr.

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# Russia Warns Against Tampering With Veto

Lake Success, Aug. 27. Russia warned bluntly today that a "hotheaded" attempt to tamper with the Big Five veto power could wreck the United Nations.

The Soviet representative, Andrei Gromyko, delivered the warning in the Security Council as the small-nation delegates renewed their assault on the big powers' privilege and the United States launched out at Russia's frequent use of that privilege.

Mr. Gromyko declared: "Some hotheads have tried to arrive at modification or liquidation of the veto. These attempts will continue, but they shall not prevail if we want to continue the United Nations and work for continuance and strengthening of the organization within its framework."

With the big powers ready to fight together against any real attempt at altering the Charter's veto provision, the Council produced a preview of the full-blown veto debate slated to explode next month in the 55-nation General Assembly.

## The Fight

The fight began with these developments:

1. The Council President, Mr. Farris C. Khoury of Syria, said that if the Council thought it could do anything about the veto issue, it might suggest that the Big Five renounce their special voting privilege in everything but actual cases involving threats to peace, breaches of peace or acts of aggression.

2. The American deputy delegate, Herschel Johnson, while flatly opposing any alternative to the veto, accused Russia of "dashing hopes" that the big powers would refrain from using the veto to impede the work of the Council.

3. Mr. Johnson then introduced a series of 15 American proposals for clarifying Security Council procedures and eliminating various procedural operations from the range of veto power.

4. Mr. Gromyko scoffed at the Syrian suggestion and

branded the American proposals as an apparent attempt to tamper with the veto and advised the Security Council to "do nothing" about the veto question.

## Australia's Stand

5. Australia's William Hodgson, leader in the ever-present fight of the small nations against the special power of the big countries, said that the big powers must at least get together on ways to modify the use of the veto if they refuse to allow any changes in the Charter's voting procedure.

6. Poland applauded the United States for opposing any change in the veto and, as the Polish delegate Julius Kutza-Suey put it, for "leaving the choice of ladies' knitting circles and boys' clubs, where the question of the veto is not taken seriously."

Russia, which used the veto 18 of the 20 times it has been invoked in the Security Council, was the prime target of the anti-veto tirade and, as at last year's Assembly session, principal defender of Big Five privileges.

"On this question of veto we must not remain in the clouds," said Mr. Gromyko. "We must come back to earth. United Press.

# Television Under Water

Washington, Aug. 27. The Navy revealed today what is believed to be the first successful demonstration of television underwater conducted in Bikini Lagoon.

The naval announcement said a television camera was lowered 160 feet to the deck of the submarine Apogon which was sunk by the atom bomb test.

Natural light was used in the August 22 experiment but the Navy said that diving lights could be used when necessary.

Deep sea divers who had inspected the Apogon said the television screen approximated in clarity what they saw in the lagoon's floor.

The Navy said it was possible to develop a system whereby a television camera can be lowered to depths far beyond what a man can penetrate in a diver's suit.—United Press.

# "Queen Elizabeth" Passengers Searched

Southampton, Aug. 27. The new currency restriction subjected millionaires and film stars to Customs searches before the Queen Elizabeth sailed for New York today, but Hollywood producer Irving Asher had a comeback.

Customs officials lifted 48 from him on the grounds that no more than 25 could be taken from Britain by one person.

With a glance at his wife, ex-film star Laura La Plante, Asher defiantly unrolled a huge portrait of Winston Churchill and said: "You can't take this from me. This face represents just what I think of the courage of the British people, whatever their difficulties."

Asher kept the portrait. Sixty Customs men—almost the entire port staff and six times the normal number—searched passengers for sterling funds exceeding £5.

# Excuse For Gestapo Men

Hamburg, Aug. 26. A plea that the 18 Gestapo and SS men, accused here of the murder of 50 Allied Air Force officers, who attempted a mass escape from Stalag Luft III, in March, 1944, acted "on good faith in the legality of Hitler's order" was made by the defense today.

Dr. Meyer Labastille, the defense counsel, in his final address to the court, said: "Justice must not capitulate to the desire for revenge," and claimed that the crime against the British officers had been atoned by the death of the responsible men, Kaltenbrunner and Goering.—Reuter.

# REDS FIRE ON U.S. BOATS

Houston, Texas, Aug. 26. John Ben Shepherd, National President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, said today upon his return from Alaska that the Russians were firing on United States fishing boats that ventured too close to the Soviet shores of the Bering Straits.

He said: "For years boats traded with both shores and some crews have members of their families on the other side."—United Press.

# "There Was No Crime"

Paris, Aug. 28. The French police after more than two months' investigation of the mystery of 17 patients' deaths by poisoning at the Women's Hospital at Macon, declared today, "there was no crime."

Police Commissioner Bascou, in charge of the investigation, said "I am now making a full report on the inquiry. The supposition that a series of murders has been carried out by a sadist is no longer entertained."—Reuter.

# PAKISTAN TO JOIN FEC?

Washington, Aug. 26. Diplomatic sources today said the Far Eastern Commission probably would consider its next meeting on September 1 the question of whether Pakistan should be admitted to membership in the policy-making body for Japan.

The sources said the matter had become particularly pertinent because of the question of whether Pakistan as well as India should be represented at the Japanese peace conference, which is expected to convene here sometime this autumn.—United Press.

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The questions of oilfields, banks and Danube shipping, insurance companies and industrial concerns were already disposed of, the agency reported.—Reuter.

Shanghai, Aug. 29. The United States army court martial of T. S. Thomas Mulloy of Chicago with the murder in connection with the slaying of a Chinese black market operator, is scheduled to open today.—Associated Press.

# Atomic Control Plan: U.S. Acceptance

Lake Success, Aug. 27. The United States announced today unqualified acceptance of the United Nations plan to subject atomic energy facilities and activities of all nations to strict supervision and management by a projected world atomic control authority.

The United States became the first government to accept the proposals as laid down in the plan devised by experts of 11 of the 12 nations on the United Nations Atomic Energy

# Consuls To Meet On Java Problem

Batavia, Aug. 27. All the foreign Consuls in Batavia are to meet tomorrow to discuss plans for supervising the "cease-fire" order in Indonesia in accordance with the decision of the United Nations Security Council.

The Chinese Consul, Mr. Tsing Chia Tsung, will fly back for the meeting from Indonesian Republican territory, where he was today inspecting the condition of Chinese refugees and discussing with Republican leaders the safety of Chinese nationals.

A Dutch communique today announced that total Dutch casualties since the start of "police action" were 159 killed, 412 wounded, and 18 missing. The communique reported more fighting near Batavia, in Central and East Java, and in Sumatra.

The Dutch forces have intercepted an order from General Soedirman, the Republican Commander-in-Chief in Indonesia, instructing leaders of the Republic to guarantee a better treatment for the Chinese "in view of international repercussions."

The report said the order strictly forbade the spreading of "reports which could 'arouse mutual distrust'."

Earlier, the Republican Government had announced the death penalty for anyone robbing Chinese.—Reuter.

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# Palestine Solution Clash

Geneva, Aug. 27. The 11 members of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine, who met in private here today are understood to disagree over the solution of the Palestine problem.

Three delegates, those of India, Iraq and Yugoslavia, want a federal system dividing Palestine into six cantons, while the remaining eight are understood to favor the division of the country into semi-independent states.

At today's meeting—the first formal meeting for more than a week—the committee reviewed the papers submitted by the working parties set up to work out a solution of the Palestine situation. No vote was taken.

According to the federal system, Palestine would be divided into six cantons—three Jewish and three Arab—having a central government on lines similar to that of Switzerland.

The three Jewish divisions would be the eastern part of Galilee, the western part of central Palestine, and the eastern part of the Negeb.—Reuter.

# Nail In Brain Decision

Fort Logan, Colorado, Aug. 27. Virgil Gomez, 27, of Cerrito, New Mexico, was still hesitant today about authorizing an operation to remove a two-inch nail from his skull, hammered between the hemispheres of his brain by his Japanese captors after the fall of the Philippines.

The surgeons informed Gomez of the seriousness of such surgery and of the dangers accompanying such an operation.

Gomez, whose right arm and left leg are daily giving him more trouble and who is having increasing headaches, discussed the operation with his wife Isabel and other members of his family. However, they maintained the decision was his to make.—United Press.

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As already announced in the  
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on Thursday, the 22nd May,  
1947, it was resolved to offer  
97,747 shares of the nominal  
value of \$10 each (in the pro-  
portion of one new share for  
every complete number of two  
shares held by them respective-  
ly) to the persons who on the  
1st day of July, 1947, were re-  
gistered in the Company's Share  
Register as the holders of the  
195,494 issued shares in the  
capital of the Company at par  
and so that on the acceptance of  
the offer the nominal amount  
due in respect of each such new  
share (namely \$10) shall be  
payable in full.

The offer of new shares to  
Shareholders must be accepted  
on or before the 30th day of  
September, 1947, and such new  
shares when allotted will rank  
for Dividend as on and from the  
1st day of October, 1947.

Any of the shares which shall  
not be taken up by the Com-  
pany's Shareholders or their  
nominees in manner aforesaid  
shall be disposed of in such  
manner and at such time or  
times and upon such terms as  
the Company's Directors shall  
at their absolute discretion see  
fit.

No Shareholder shall be en-  
titled to claim for a fraction of  
an additional share in respect  
of any odd issued share held by  
him.

Shareholders are accordingly  
offered the number of shares to  
which they are entitled, as  
specified above.

Shareholders intending to  
take up all the new shares to  
which they are entitled must  
complete and sign a printed  
Form of Acceptance. Such a  
Form, if not already in the Share-  
holder's possession, can be ob-  
tained from the Company, pro-  
vided that satisfactory proof is  
furnished that the person apply-  
ing for the shares is entitled  
thereto.

Shareholders may transfer  
their rights to all of the new  
shares by signing the printed  
Form of Renunciation and Nom-  
ination, and the Nominee (s),  
who must be of full age, must  
then complete the Form of Ac-  
ceptance. Such a Form of Re-  
nunciation and Nomination, if  
not already in the Shareholder's  
possession, can be obtained from  
the Company's Office in the  
same manner as the Form of  
Acceptance.

Shareholders wishing to ac-  
cept only part of the number of  
shares to which they are en-  
titled and to renounce the bal-  
ance in favour of a Nominee, or  
wishing to renounce in favour  
of more than one Nominee  
must surrender the entire Form  
to the Company's Office, Ex-  
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### ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB

Members are reminded that  
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ing will be held at the Board  
Room Jardine Matheson & Co.,  
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Secretary.

# ROYAL WEDDING PLANS

## 2,000 Guests For Abbey Ceremony

London, Aug. 27.

If you are royalty you will receive large six-inch by eight-inch folders inviting you to Princess Elizabeth's wedding. Otherwise, if you are still one of the 2,000 persons who will be invited, you will be content with four-inch by six-inch cards.

Proofs of these cards are now being inspected by the King and Queen, although the invitations will not be mailed out until October, it was learned in London today.

Except for size, each set is identical. At the top is the Royal Crest in gold, about as big as a postage stamp. The message is engraved in flowing black script that looks as though it has been inscribed by a quill.

"The Lord Chamberlain," the invitation says, "is commanded by Their Majesties to invite" (and here are two blank for names) "on the occasion of the marriage of their daughter, Princess Elizabeth to Lieutenant Mountbatten, R.N., at 11.30 a.m. on November 20, 1947, at Westminster Abbey."

After Princess Elizabeth's name in the invitation are inserted initials standing for "Imperial Order of the Crown", of which the King made the Princess a member last June. The name of the Order, which was first created by Queen Victoria in 1878 to commemorate her taking the title of Empress of India, is now in need of alteration, since King George recently dropped the title of Emperor for that of King.

**What To Wear**  
At the left-hand corner of the invitation are instructions on what to wear. These instruc-

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## FOR PHILIP COAT OF ARMS

London, Aug. 27.

The Star's diary columnist said today that Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten might adopt a coat of arms combin-  
ing those of the Royal houses of England, Greece and Denmark and the Mountbatten family when he is made a peer.

The columnist said Lieut. Mountbatten and Princess Elizabeth were discussing the coat of arms with King George—United Press.

or room for about 100 Members and their wives.

The only Members assured of seats will be those who either hold positions in the Royal Household—this included some members of the Peerage—or are officials of the Church or Government or leading members of the Opposition.

The three top categories of guests will more than fill the three front rows of the Abbey nave—the only seats that allow their holders to see the actual ceremony. One group includes royalty who are not at the sides in special family boxes of the bride and groom and other close personal friends of the couple.

Highly prized, these front seats will be allotted carefully among the groups so each will sit equidistant from the ceremony and none behind another.

### No Daughters

The overflow from here, and other less important personages and officials—including lesser members of the Royal Household—who number in hundreds—will fill the Abbey.

Because of the scarcity of seats, with the exception of Royalty and other close friends there will be no daughters invited—a blow indeed to many.

—Reuter.

## Trouble In The Paradise Islands

Suva, Aug. 27.

There is a trouble in the paradise islands of the South Seas—a trouble of the Detroit variety.

Reports from the Solomons said that some of the old head-hunters have been on a sit-down strike for a whole year and 7,000 natives met the Malaita to discuss the conversion of the sit-down strike into something more active, possibly an independence movement.

The jungle natives want a 1,200 per cent. increase in wages to start with and a diet like the one they had while American forces were in the islands—canned meat, biscuits, sugar, tea and other "luxuries."

The natives have organized what they called "The Marching Rule" and are drilling with spears and blowpipes. So far no violence was reported. The British authorities denied reports brought by Americans that the natives declared war on the British and made canoe

## Savings Bank Forgeries

Johannesburg, Aug. 27.

Declaring that he wanted the money to bring his parents out from Glasgow, John Wilson, 23 dancing teacher, pleaded guilty in court here to 31 counts of forging Post Office Savings Bank books.

With him was William Cowan 25, seaman. Both were sentenced to 27 months' hard labour.

They were serving on board a British freighter and when they missed their ship at Durban, decided to settle in South Africa. They opened savings accounts in 31 different names at 21 post offices on the Rand, it was charged and drew £115 by altering the figures in the books.—Associated Press.

## FRAU TODT ON TRIAL

Munich, Aug. 26.

Frau Elisabeth Todt, widow of Fritz Todt, builder of the West Wall and Reich Inspector for Defence Construction, went on trial in the tiny Berchtesgaden court-room today as a Class I Nazi.

Charges of profiteering and belonging to the Nazi Party for 20 years will be supported today by eight prosecution witnesses. The trial is expected to conclude tomorrow.—United Press.

## PRIEST'S DEATH

Rome, Aug. 26.

The police announced today that the Polish priest, Father Nicola Lazzarevic, died from injuries believed to have been incurred by a hit and run automobile.

Earlier, the police had said the priest died from heavy blows.—United Press.

## Communist Leader's Funeral

SINGAPORE, AUG. 27.  
CYMBALS CLASHED AND CHOIRS SANG DIRGES WHEN 15,000 CHINESE, IN ONE OF THE BIGGEST FUNERAL PROCESSIONS EVER SEEN HERE, TODAY FOLLOWED THE BODY OF THE 81-YEAR-OLD COMMUNIST LEADER, LIN A-LIANG, TO THE BURIAL GROUND OUTSIDE SINGAPORE.

Lin A-liang died in the Singapore General Hospital nine days after he was released from Outram Gaol, Singapore, where he had served 18 months of a two-year sentence for his part in an illegal procession—said to be in celebration of the anniversary of Singapore's fall to the Japanese—in February 1946.

During the Japanese occupation, Lin was arrested and tortured by the Japanese. He was sentenced to death but was saved when the Allies liberated Singapore.

A huge picture of the dead man preceded the mile-and-a-half long procession, which blocked city traffic for two hours.

Seventy gaily decorated lorries carried nearly 2,000 wreaths, many of them eight feet high.—Reuter.

## Charges Dropped

Capetown, Aug. 27.

The charges of sedi-  
tion and contravention  
of the Official Secrets  
Act, on which Mrs. Betty  
Sacks, South African  
Communist, was com-  
mitted for trial on Feb-  
ruary 24, have been with-  
drawn by the Attorney-  
General, she was told to-  
day.

Dr. Colin Steyn, acting South African Minister of Justice, said in Pretoria today that the charge against Mrs. Sacks was withdrawn at his instance.

Mrs. Sacks was charged here with seven others, alleged to be members of the Central Commit-  
tee of the South African Commu-  
nist Party, on November 16 last.

All eight were committed for trial in February after a preparatory examination lasting 23 days.

For the defence it was stated that four of the accused, including Mrs. Sacks, were not members of the Party Central Executive at the material time.

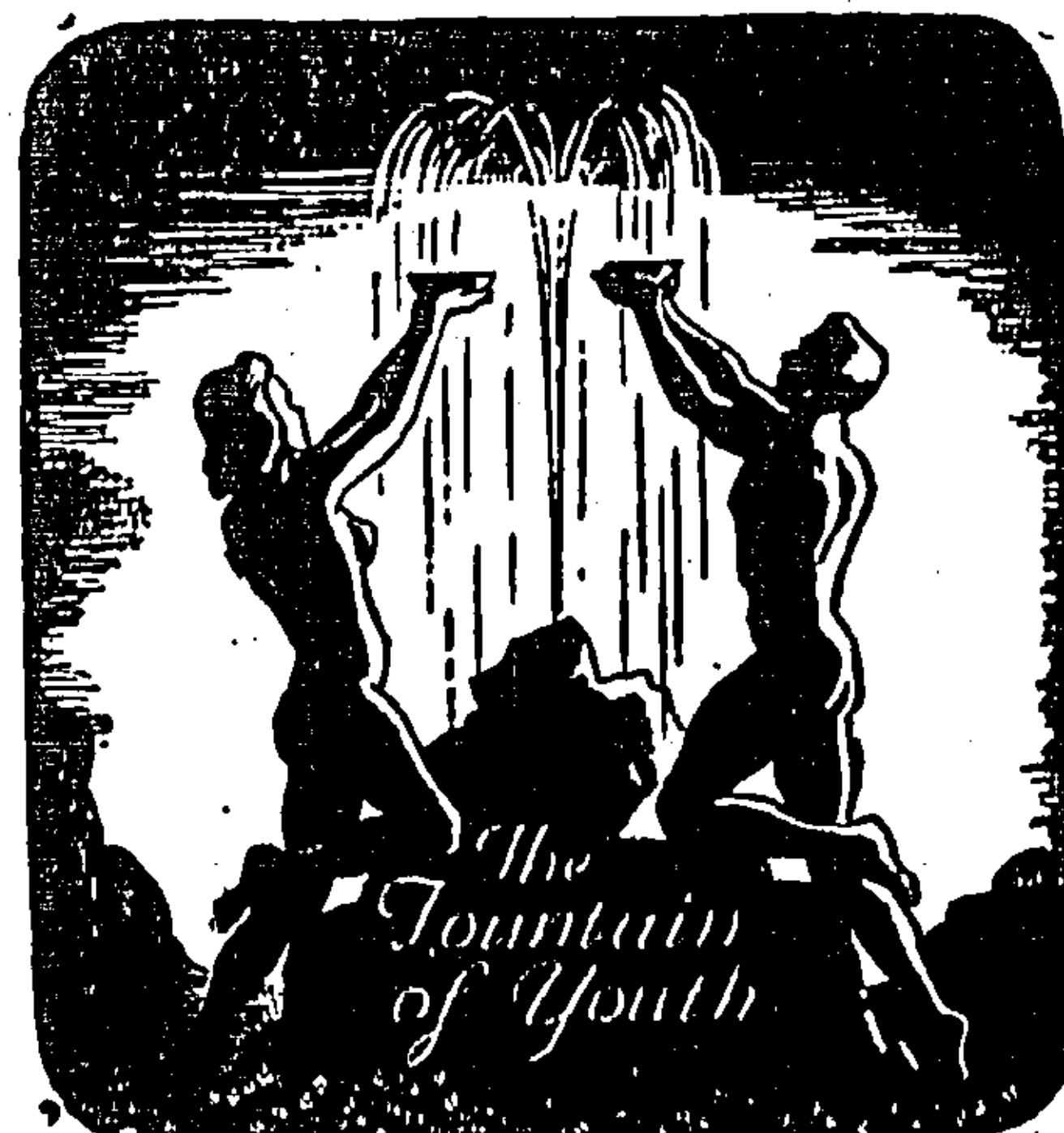
Dr. Steyn said today that the charges against the others would proceed.—Reuter.

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SATURDAY, 30TH AUGUST, 1947

We beg to inform our patrons that on the above Holiday, our hours of business will be as follows:—

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Kowloon Branch, Nathan Road Open from 9.00 to 11.00 a.m.  
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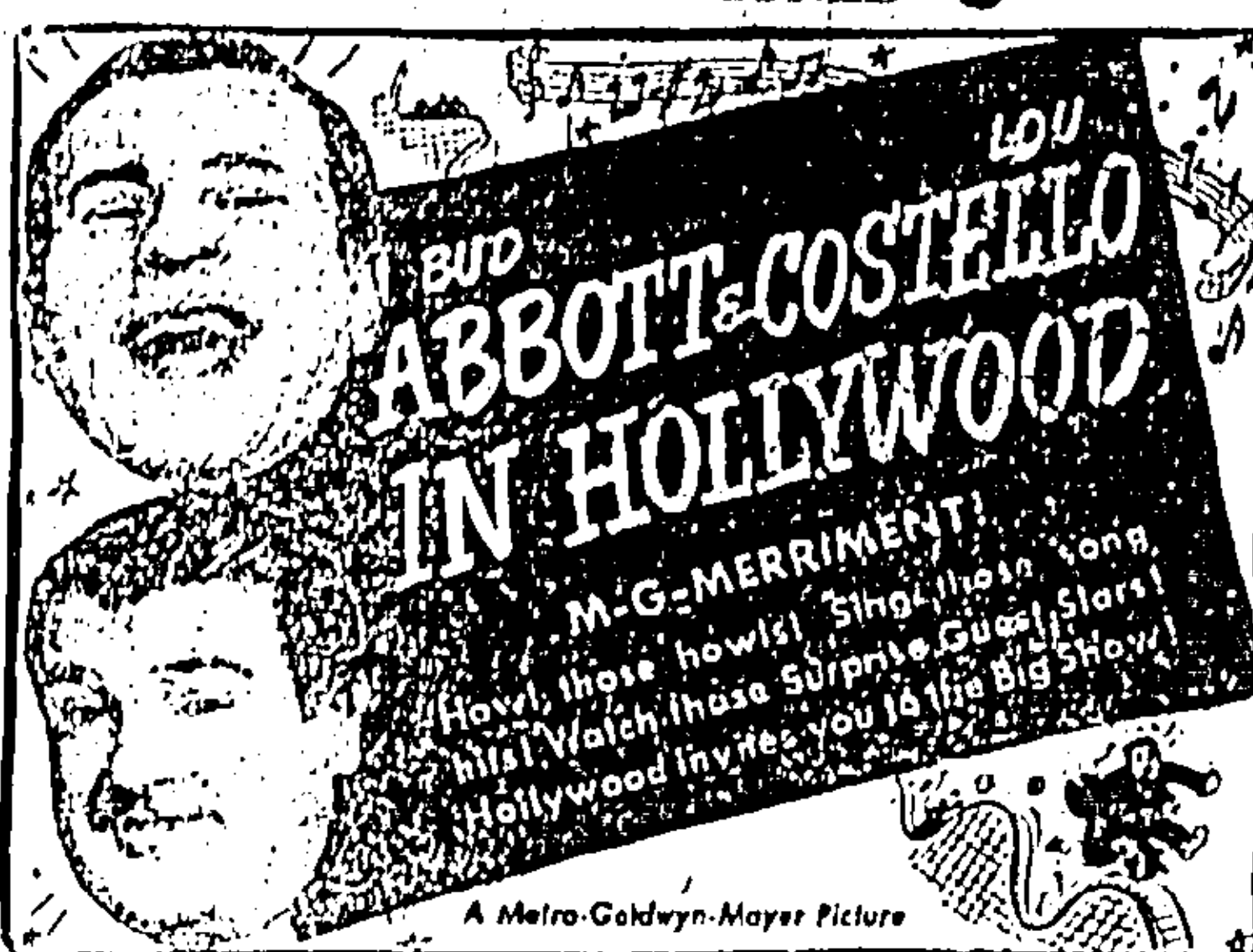
Nos. 34 and 36 Granville Road and Vacant Land adjoining Chatham Road.

The total area of 77,000 square feet is ripe for development and the attention of investors, builders and other interested persons is directed to the attractive situation of the property.

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## Teacher Became A Pirate

When Mak Man-pan, alias Mak Chung, a teacher formerly employed at a Government Grant-in-Aid School at Tai Long Village, Sai Kung, at a monthly salary of \$120, became fed up with his lot, he thought that he could improve his financial position by straying from the straight and narrow path.

Unfortunately for Mak, his venture into the realm of crime was not a success.

He received from Mr. Justice T.J. Gould (Additional Judge), a sentence of ten years' imprisonment with hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane, after being found guilty by a jury at yesterday's Criminal Sessions.

Mak was charged with robbery by one or more.

The case for the Crown was conducted by Mr. A. J. Clifford, assisted by S.I. Baldwin.

**On Sampan**  
Opening of the case for the Crown, Mr. Clifford said that, on June 12, a fishing boat in Deep Bay was approached by a small sampans containing five men. These five men asked to be taken to Swatow.

The master of the fishing boat, Cheng Hee, refused to agree but eventually he said he would take them to the mouth of the Un Long Creek in the hope that they might there contact a boat to take them to Swatow.

About half an hour after reaching the Creek, a cargo boat appeared.

The five men in the fishing boat immediately put on masks and produced revolvers.

The cargo boat was called upon to stop. When this order

## 'EVERGREEN SUMMONS' ON CROWN LAND

Government may cancel a permit for occupying Crown land without having to furnish any reason for doing so, said by Mr. S. A. Fowler, Land Bailiff, at the resumed hearing by Mr. W. H. Latimer of the summons against Law Jackson for illegal occupation of Crown land at Cheung Sha Wan.

The case, described by Mr. Latimer as "the evergreen summons," was—according to Mr. S. A. Fowler, Land Bailiff—first instituted in December, 1946, as the result of Law Jackson's refusal to vacate an area of Crown land at Cheung Sha Wan.

Giving the history of the action, Mr. Fowler stated that Law Jackson, of the Kwong Cheong Hing Co. Ltd., was issued with a permit in January, 1946, to occupy the land in Cheung Sha Wan.

At the time the permit was issued, it was explained to Law that it was only for six months.

The conditions were also explained to him in Chinese.

After he had clearly understood them, he signed the agreement.

A special condition of the permit, said Mr. Fowler, stipulated that "This permit may be cancelled by Government at any time within three months without compensation given, but a duly proportionate portion of the fee shall be refunded."

**Notice Given**  
On March 31, 1946, a letter was sent to Law Jackson asking him to vacate by June 30—a matter of three months' notice.

At the permittee's request, an extension of three months was granted in order to permit him to finish certain work he had in hand.

A demand for payment of Crown rent covering the extension was made to, and paid by, him. A further request for another extension was refused, said Mr. Fowler.

The area was inspected on Sept. 30 when it was found that the tenant had made no effort whatsoever to vacate.

Some days later, a written request was received by the Crown Lands Office from Mr. Silva asking for a reconsideration of the decision.

This request was refused in December, and a summons issued against Law Jackson a few days after.

The case was first heard before Mr. Horace Lo, on Dec. 18, and adjourned sine die for Mr. Silva to petition to the Governor-in-Council.

**Petition**  
The petition, continued Mr. Fowler, was duly presented and rejected, and, on June 27, 1947, Mr. Silva was informed by letter of the decision. As Law Jackson still made no effort to vacate, the case was re-opened, concluded Mr. Fowler.

In reply to Mr. Silva, Mr. Fowler admitted that all occupants of Crown land in the same category as defendant were merely permittees. There were quite a number of such permittees who have erected semi-permanent structures on their lands, but emphasized witness, they did so entirely at their own risk.

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## NAAFI Guard On Fraud Charges

Hearing of the case in which Yu For, 49-year-old watchman employed by NAAFI, was charged on four counts of obtaining money by false pretences and one of conspiracy, was commenced before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Detective Sub-Inspector MacDonald appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Y. K. Kan, of Messrs. Lo & Lo for the defence.

It was alleged by the Crown that defendant obtained \$160 from Chu Man and Chan Lai, \$80 from Chan Wai, and \$160 from Chu Song and San Yuen, at 97 Ma Tau Wai Road, on July 30.

On Aug. 1, alleged the prosecution, accused obtained \$130 from Lai Hon and Chan Chi outside 215 Yu Chau Street. Between July 23 and Aug. 5, defendant conspired with another to obtain the money from the complainants by falsely pretending that he was in a position to obtain jobs as watchmen for them.

In evidence, Chu Man stated on July 27, defendant called at 215 Yu Chau Street, first floor, where he was talking with Lai Hon, Chan Chi, Chu Song, San Yuen and another man.

**"Tea-Money"**

Accused told them that he was in a position to obtain jobs for them as watchmen in North Point, but that they had to pay "tea-money" of \$80 each.

At 4 p.m. on July 30, witness said, he went with Chan Lai to the Ka Wah Teahouse at Ma Tau Wai Road where he saw the accused with four or five men. They joined defendant's table and, after he had told them that he could obtain positions for them, they gave him \$80 each.

Defendant told them they would start work on Aug. 1. When his friend and he went to look for accused on Aug. 2, he said he could not get them the employment as the other man had absconded. On Aug. 9 he told them that he was not in a position to refund the money and advised them to report the matter to the Police.

**Trusted**

Cross-examined by Mr. Kan, witness stated that he had known accused for about 20 years, and trusted him fully.

He admitted that he was told that defendant obtained his employment as a watchman through Lai Tak on payment of \$20 tea-money. Witness also admitted that he saw Yu passing over \$160 to a man at a table in the Ka Wah Teahouse. He did not know, however, whether the man was Lai Tak or not.

Corroborative evidence was given by Chan Lai.

Further hearing was adjourned to the afternoon of Sept. 18, with bail fixed at \$500 cash and \$1,000 in two sureties.

## PEKER VOTE

Ankara, Aug. 28. Premier Recep Peker won a vote of confidence 303 to 34 on Tuesday night from the Parliamentary group of the reigning People's Party, silencing for the time being reports that he might be forced to step down over criticism of his internal policies.—Associated Press.

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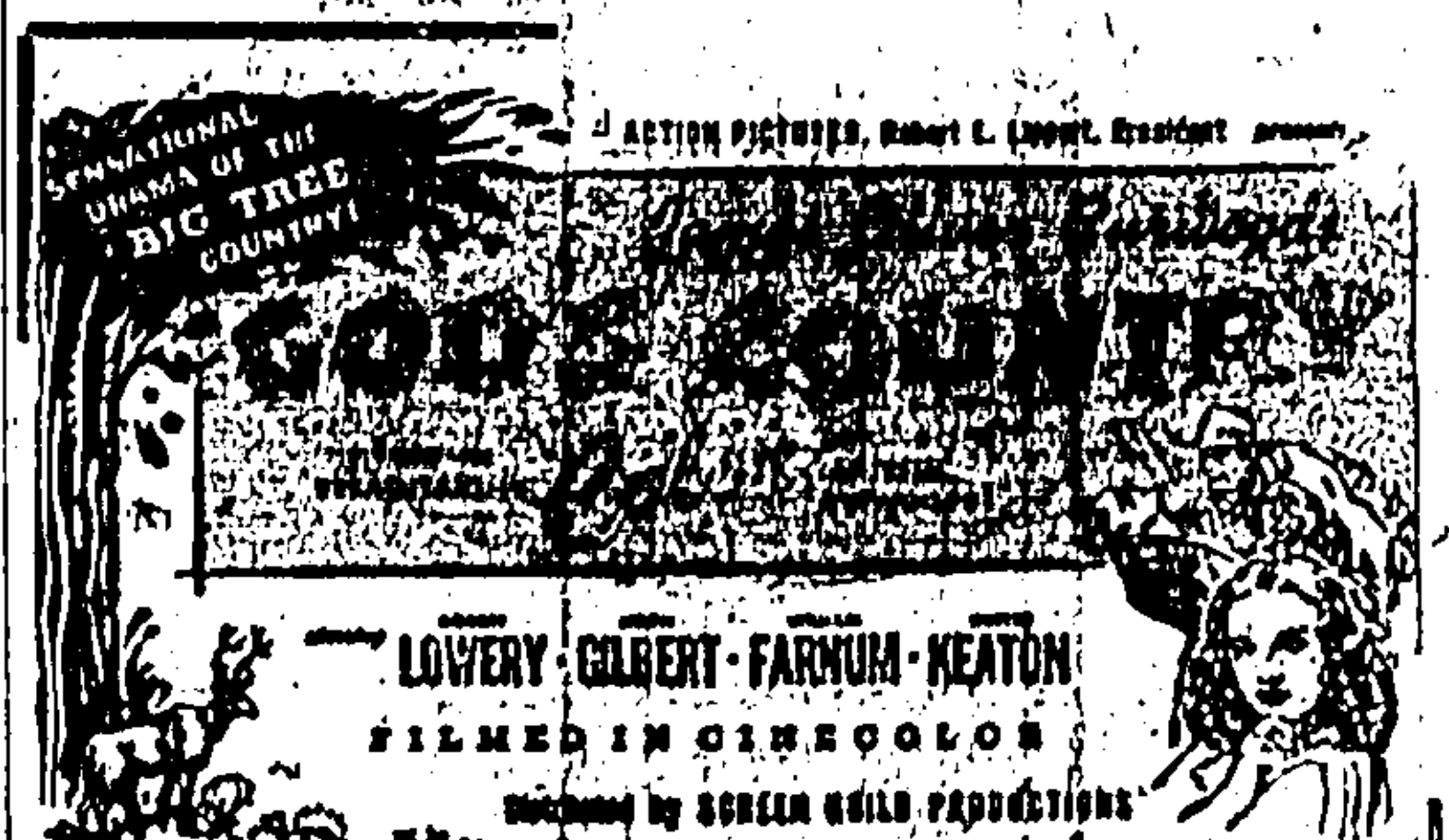
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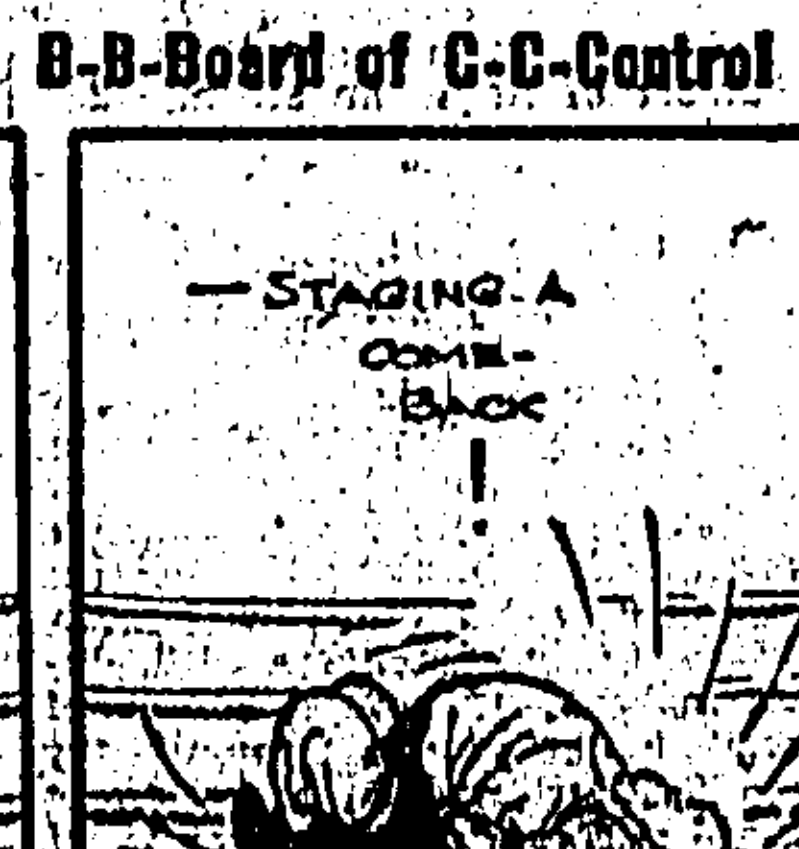
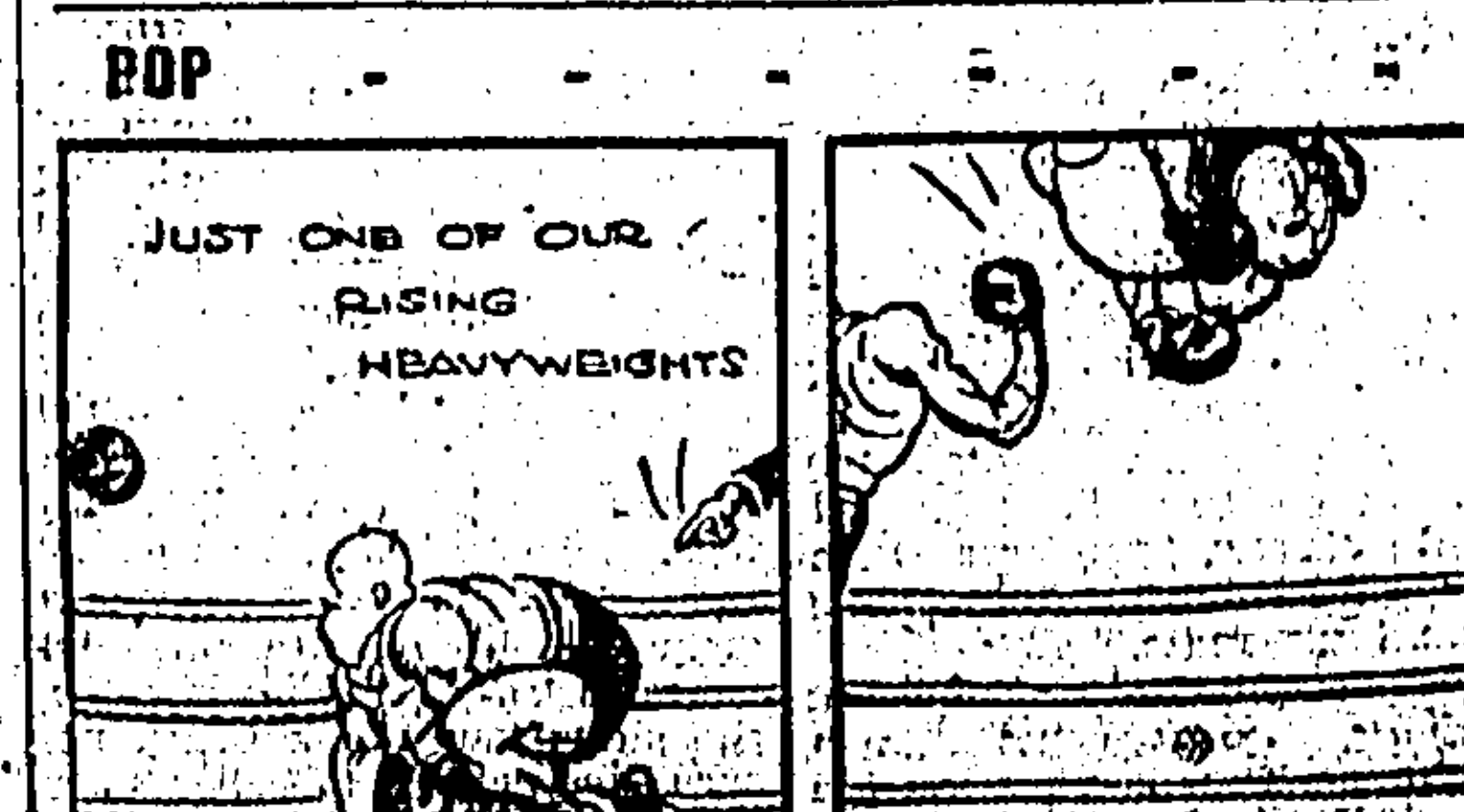


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## STRIKE DANGERS

Now in its fourteenth day, the artisan strike threatens to develop into that hazardous and most useless of all struggles in the industrial world, a straight-out test of endurance. From the extremes of their positions, neither the strikers nor the employers have made concessions sufficient to narrow the gap and provide an acceptable talking-point around which a compromise could be built, and while that situation lasts, the deadlock will persist. That would be bad enough in itself, but the danger of the strike fever assuming epidemic form is very real and very ominous—with the public utility systems in the front line of attack—and too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the urgent necessity of the fullest re-consideration of their respective positions by both sides before damage is done beyond repair. The result of a protracted struggle can only be heavy loss for both. Unfortunately, there seems small prospect that wiser counsels will prevail. The main onus lies heavily on the leaders of the Chinese Engineers' Institute, who were responsible for the initiation of the strike, and whose ability to control its progress now seems to be rather more than doubtful. Yesterday's decision to reject the Labour Officer's invitation to further discussion, on the ground that no useful purpose would be served, can be traced to elements in the Strike Committee whose capacity for submissiveness outweighs their other faculties. The original demand of the unions has, it is true, been scaled down slightly, but it remains just as unrealistic, offering no basis for negotiation. If that is the last word, there is, in fact, nothing more to be said, and the battle of attrition, advantageous to nobody, would seem to be inevitable. The employers, on the other hand, have put forward a scheme, providing for a minimum of a 20 per cent. increase in the basic pay of all skilled employees, and for a re-warding of staff, according to years of employment, that would ensure greater increases for those justly entitled to them. The scheme envisaged is not perfect, by any means, but it should, at least, have provided the ground-work upon which settlement satisfactory to both sides might have been based. But whether or not, the main responsibility for the deadlock rests with one side or the other is of but academic interest to the general public, which sees only that it is certain to be seriously inconvenienced if the strike spreads and a direct challenge to a "showdown" emerges. In poker terms, of course, that merely means all cards on the table and a settlement accordingly. In such terms, there could be no recriminations. It is that precisely which the situation demands. But anything savouring of a "starve them into submission" attitude, or, conversely, of bringing pressure where it does most damage, can only cause unnecessary hardship and difficulties all round. Again, it must be insisted, the demand is for a new approach and a new effort. On neither side is there a high horse that can be safely ridden.

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We have heard a lot about overtime, industrial conscription and staggered hours. How will the general body of workers be affected? On October 1, the hours of 1,000,000 factory workers will be altered. Half of them will start work earlier—at 7 a.m.—and half will finish later—at 8 p.m. In addition approximately 1,200,000 more workers will go on to night shifts. In the underground essential industries, such as the mines, cotton, agriculture, engineering and textiles, some 3,000,000 people will be asked to work an extra hour a day to earn vital dollars. No final decision has yet been reached on direction of labour. Mr. Atlee, Sir Stafford Cripps

## "NOT WELCOME"

London, Aug. 27. A former Indian civil servant, whose name was not disclosed, proposed in the Conservative "Daily Telegraph" here today that the public statues of English Statesmen and soldiers in India should be brought back to England and re-erected here. "These memorials of the days of dependence cannot be welcome to the new Dominion," he wrote to the paper, "and may suffer neglect or indignity." He suggested they be set up at the birthplaces of those they commemorated. Reuter.

# HOUR of CRISIS

## Your Queries Answered

Drastic measures, detailed by Mr. Atlee in the House of Commons as a last desperate attempt to save Britain in her "gravest hour" crisis, will affect every home and every factory in the country. Millions of people want to know what is going to be done and how they personally will be affected.

Here are my answers to the questions everyone is asking today, forecast after a close study of the present situation.

### 1. Food

We are told by Mr. Strachey that there will be reductions in dollar bought imports. Does this mean a cut in rations; and, if so, by how much? Reductions in the bread and meat rations are regarded as inevitable. Grain consumption will have to be reduced by at least 25 per cent. because of the failure of the Moscow trade talks. This means a 20 per cent. cut in B.U.'s and a reduction of supplies of biscuits and cake.

The meat ration, recently reduced from 1s. 4d. to 1s. 2d., is likely to drop to 1s. with another cut later on.

The fats ration may drop another ounce. On the bright side of the picture, there is a hope of another slight increase in the sugar ration.

Will there be greater quantities of unrationed food available to make up for losses in rations? Unfortunately, no. All processed and tinned foods, including dried eggs, meat, some fish, milk and puddings, as well as "luxury" fruit, such as pineapples, grapes and peaches, will be drastically scaled down.

A reliable authority states that supplies of these foods will be not more than 30 per cent. of the present supplies. Sausage and fish, however, will be more plentiful.

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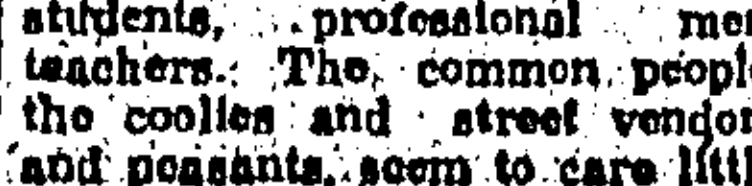
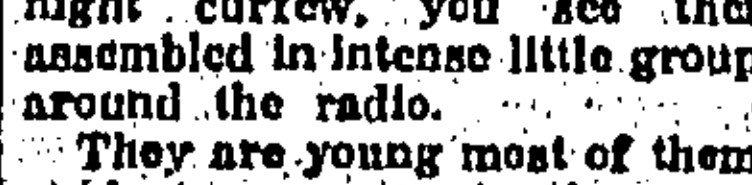
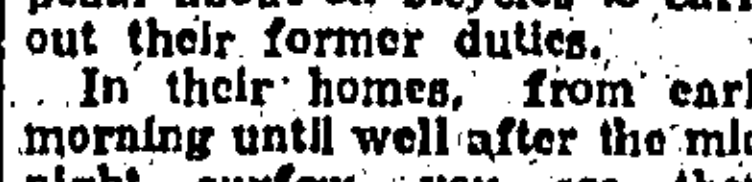
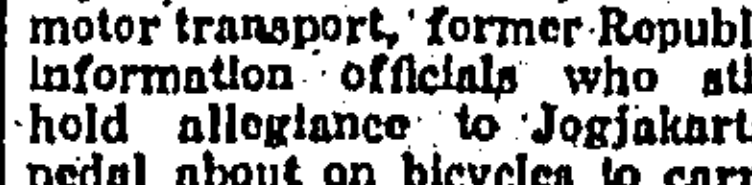
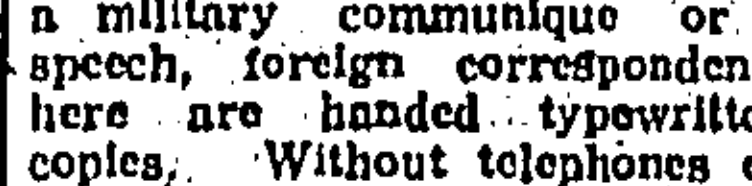
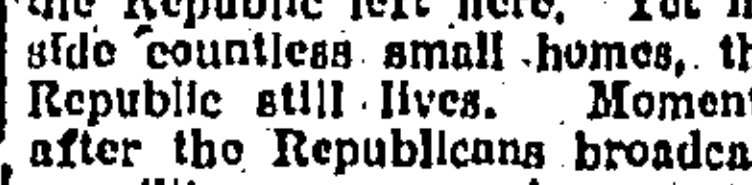
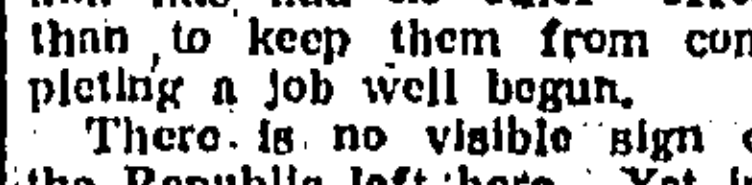
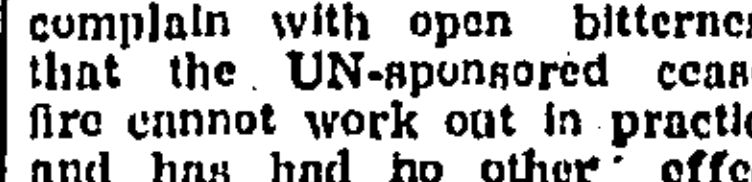
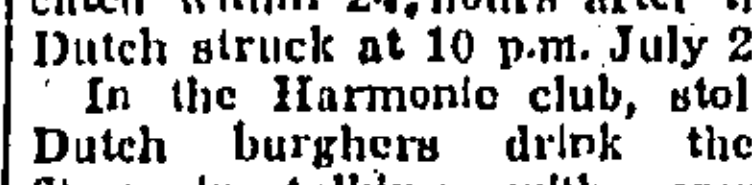
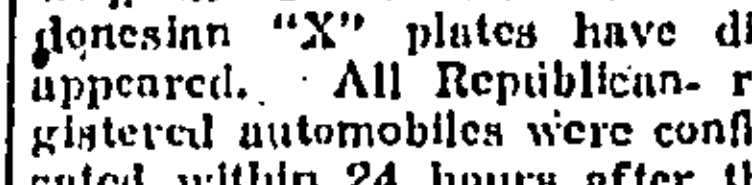
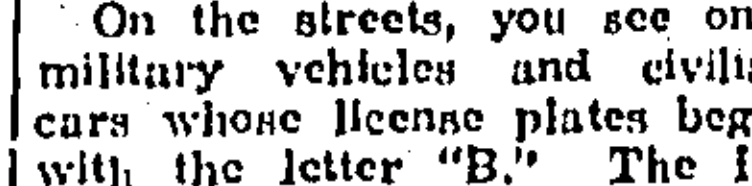
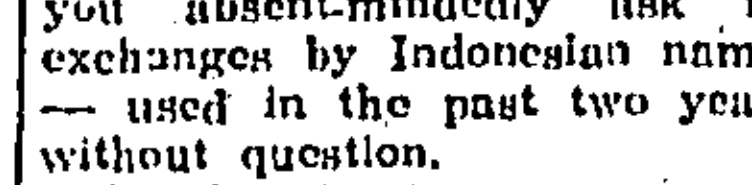
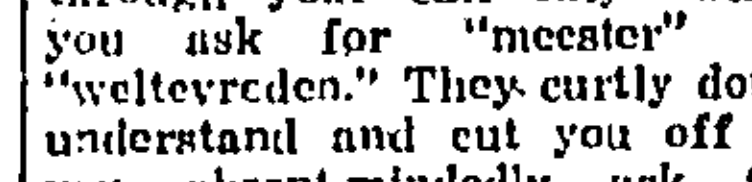
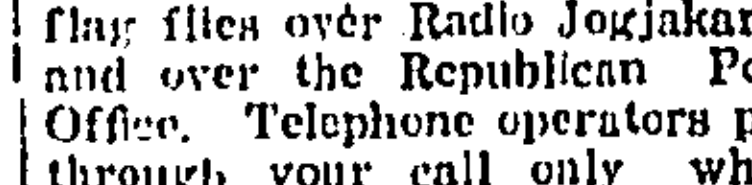
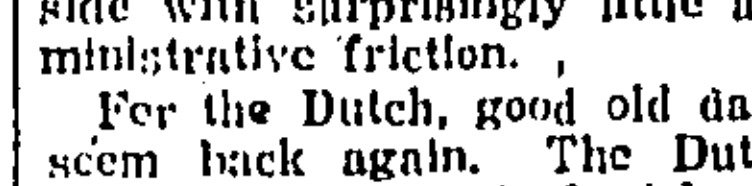
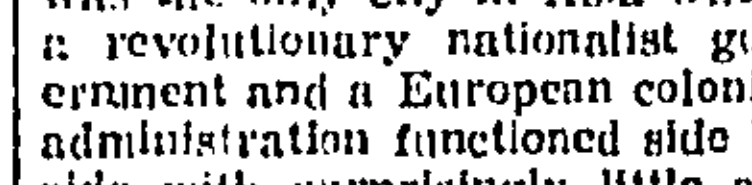
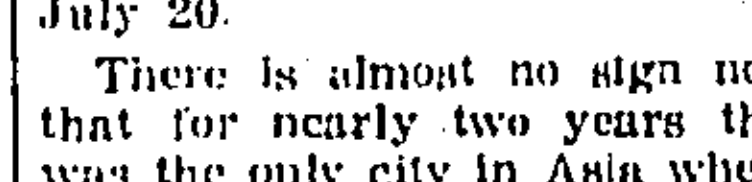
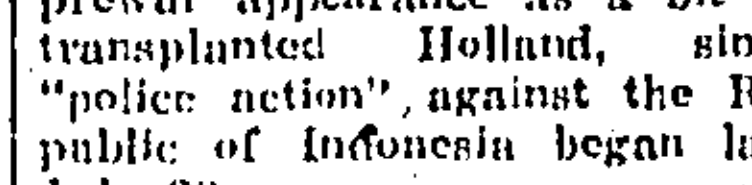
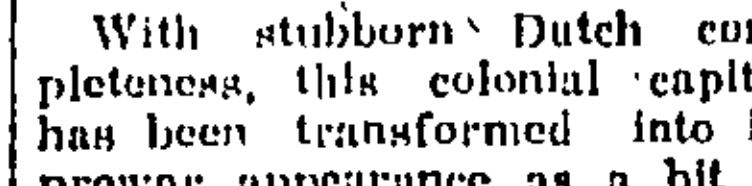
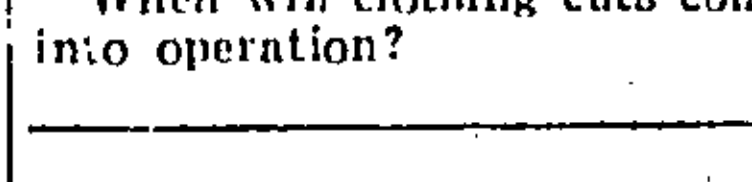
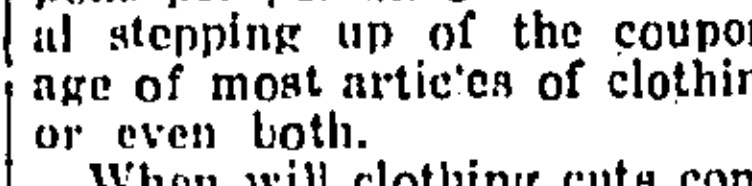
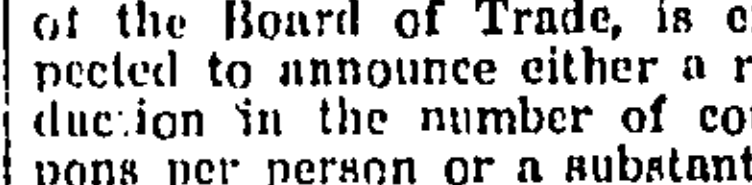
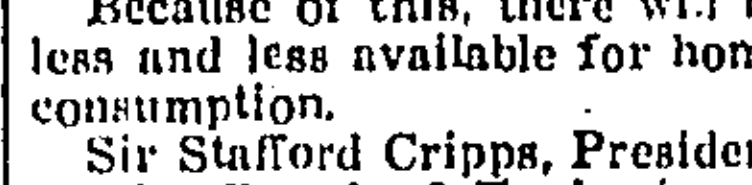
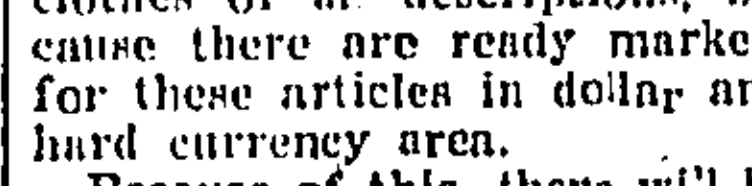
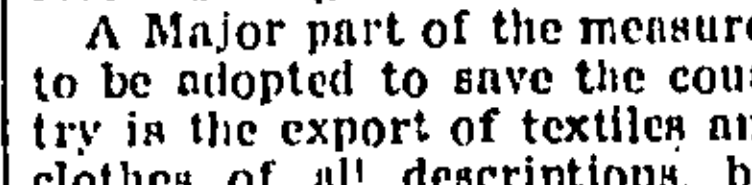
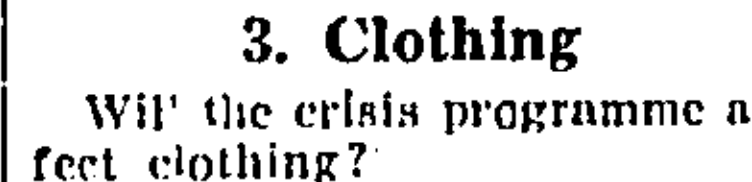
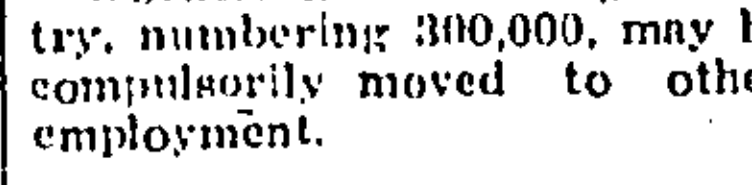
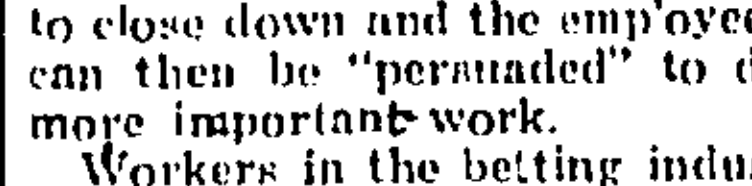
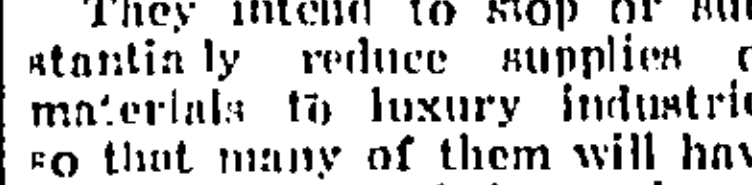
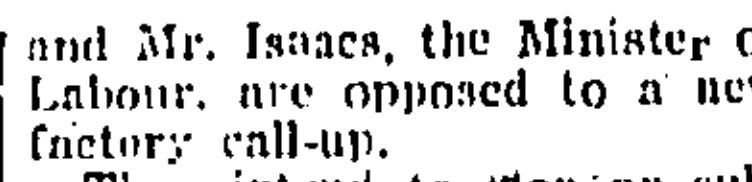
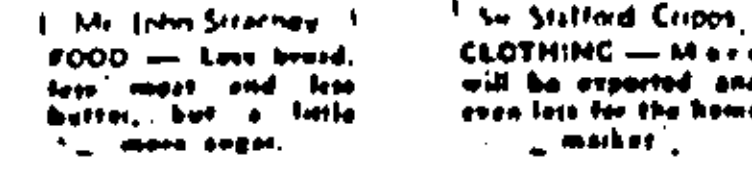
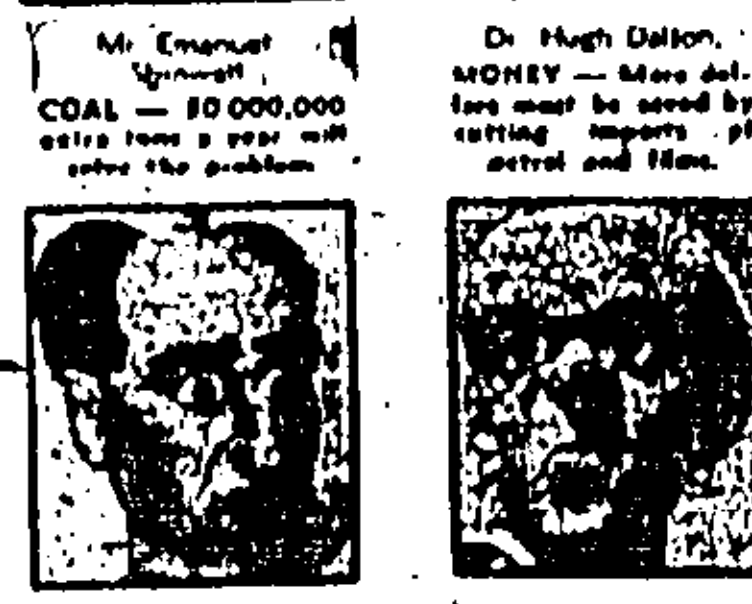
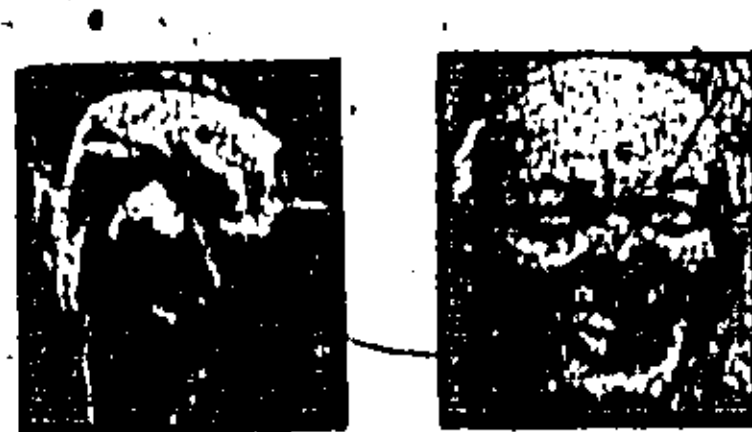
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100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail.")

The P. & O. Steamer "Canton" arrived tonight, having made the passage from Singapore in 11 days. This gives a very favourable specimen of her power and speed. She is fitted with a large and comfortable Saloon for the accommodation of passengers, with a separate Retiring Room for Ladies. At present with a large quantity of Stores &c., on board, her draught of water is seven feet, but in former working trim she will not require more than six, which will enable her to bring up off the factories at Canton at all states of the tide. Her dimensions are tons 218 35/100 Register 135 engine room 175 horsepower. Draft, laden with 150 tons of coal and stores for six months, 8 feet—light, 5 feet; length 18 (feet) feet overall; beam, 22 feet; number of days can steam, 12.

The "Corair" has reduced her passage money between this and Canton to \$0. We hear that the new steamer "Canton" charges \$5; but when the Hongkong and Canton Company's boat arrives we anticipate a further reduction. We think both the "Corair" and the "Canton" would find it their interest to supply passengers with provisions &c.; if not a source of profit to the owners, it is a saving to the Seward and B. a saving to those who are in the habit of carrying a farder with them when they visit the factories.



Almost certainly on October 1 when the new coupons are issued.

### 4. Fuel And Power

It has been stated that there is no hope of the miners reaching the Government's coal target of 200,000,000 tons this year.

Does this mean a repetition of last winter's industrial shut-down?

Mr. Shinwell and Sir Stafford Cripps are working out plans to keep a minimum industry going throughout the winter on full-scale production may be compulsorily closed down because supplies of coal may be withheld.

There are certain to be drastic cuts in fuel and power for the home.

If the miners work overtime can they reach the target?

It is most unlikely. If the miners work an extra half hour a day and Saturdays as well they may reach 195,000,000 tons.

### 5. General

What other reductions in necessities—of luxuries—do the Government contemplate?

Mr. Dalton, the Chancellor, has decided to reduce "substantially" imports of petrol, films and newspapers. This means a cut or possible abolition of the basic petrol ration probably on October 1, and fewer American films in Britain.

What does Britain need to get on her feet again?

The answer is simple: 30,000,000 extra tons of coal a year. With 20,000,000 tons of this to export, all problems of food, petrol, films, newspaper, etc., would be solved. The miners hold the complete answer.

Is there likely to be a General Election this year?

It is possible. If the situation becomes even more critical, the Government would be almost certain to go to country for a new mandate and the issue would probably be industrial conscription.

## BATAVIA FEELS LIKE THE GOOD OLD DAYS

With stubborn Dutch completeness, this colonial capital has been transformed into its pre-war appearance as a bit of transplanted Holland, since "police action" against the Republic of Indonesia began last July 20.

There is almost no sign now that for nearly two years this was the only city in Asia where a revolutionary nationalist government and a European colonial administration functioned side by side with surprisingly little administrative friction.

For the Dutch, good old days seem back again. The Dutch flag flies over Radio Jogjakarta and over the Republican Post Office. Telephone operators put through your call only when you ask for "meester" or "long time."

To those who know them well, the Republicans admit their government has had many failings, but with Asiatic calm they say that whatever the result of the UN decision, some day they will have a Republic from their own efforts—perhaps in five years, perhaps in 20.

But these feelings are expressed only to a few foreigners—mostly Americans and British whom they have known for a long time.

To the newcomer, Batavia seems to have completely turned back the clock until the ghost of the old East India Company might well be standing behind the chairs at the Harmonie club, chuckling as each bottle of gin or pineapple beer is opened in the atmosphere of pre-war days. Associated Press.

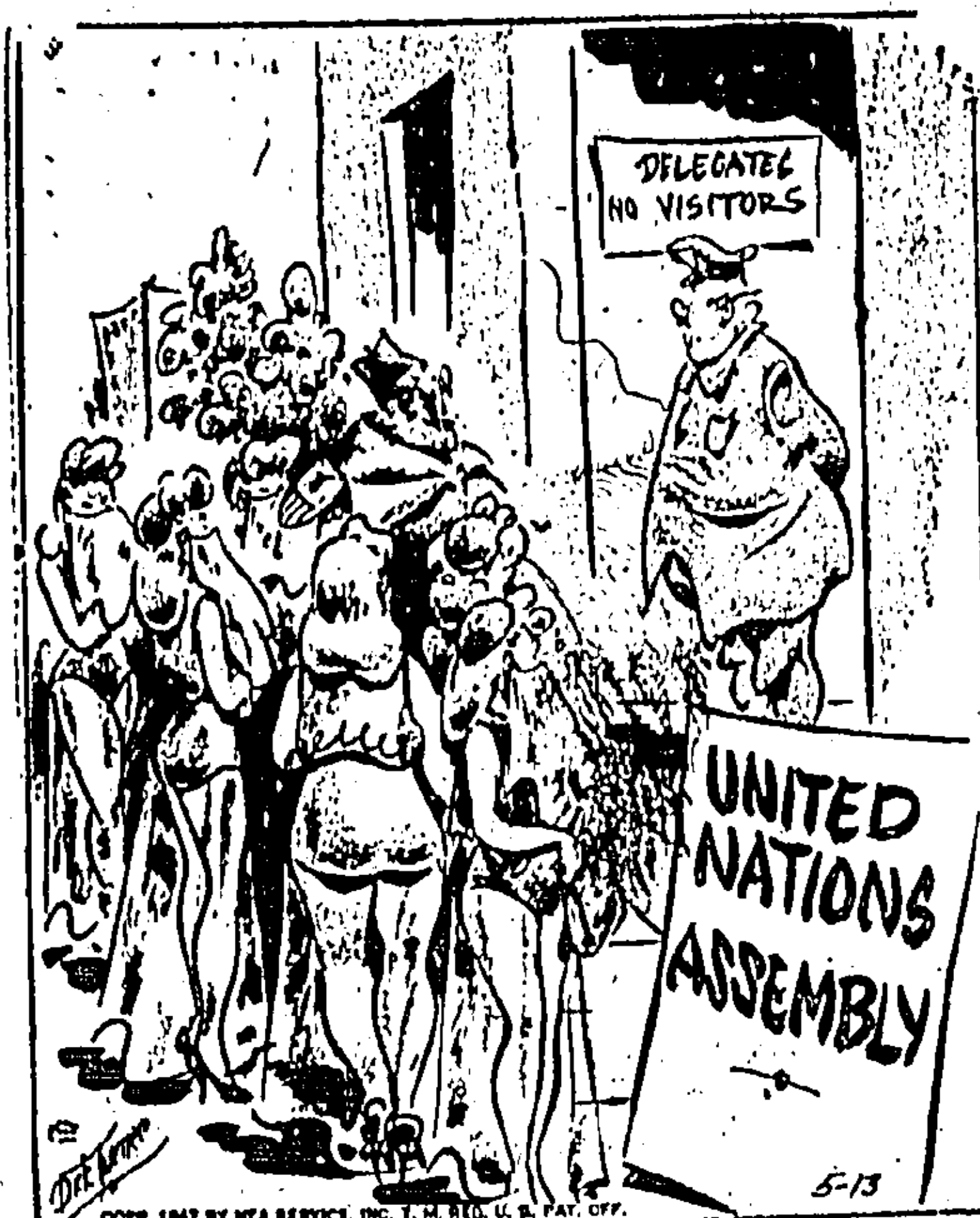
## "Army Is Eating Up Dollars"

London, Aug. 27. Demanding that the Government should demobilise 600,000 men by Christmas, Mr. Geoffrey Bing, Labour Member of Parliament, said today that unless Britain checked the "suicidal waste of manpower and material" in her armed forces, it would be heading for national bankruptcy.

"Our forces at up dollar imports," he declared. "They use goods we need for export, they clutter up our transport system, they drive farmers off their lands, and yet they are hardly at any military value. Out of a total force of nearly 1,250,000, we have 800,000 men and women in arms in this country living in organised idleness and almost totally ineffective. They are supposed to be reserves for overseas troops, but we have not the ships, nor the aircraft, nor even the petrol to carry them abroad, or maintain them in the field on a war footing."—Reuter.

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"But these are not visitors! They are problems His Majesty plans to take up with the council!"

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay  
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### NO RUFFS IN NO TRUMP

It pays to watch your step and consider protecting yourself against a cross-ruff if the two defenders have bid different suits against your trump contract. One of them may be extremely short in his partner's suit, perhaps void of it, and vice versa, as to the other partner's suit. Sometimes a greedy defender will warn you of that very danger by doubling your suit contract. That is your office to consider changing the declaration to No Trumps, as nobody has yet been known to score a ruffing trick in No Trumps.

S K Q 10 6	
H A Q 8 5	
D 9 7 5	
C 2	
S 3	S A 9 7 5
H K 10 9 6	4 2
4 3 2	11 None
D 4 2	D 10 6
C 10 9 6	CK 8 6 4 3

(Dealer: North. North-South vulnerable.)

North	East	South	West
13	Pass	4H	Pass
4H	Pass	4NT	Pass
5D	Pass	6D	Pass
Pass	Dbl		

There were plenty of bad spots in that bidding. South furnished perhaps the worst through getting in his mind the idea that North had supported his diamonds somewhere along the way. Actually North called the suit only once, when he showed one ace with his response to the Blackwood. 4-No Trumps, and that did not tell South anything about holding some diamonds. South was really lucky to find that many with North.

### Tomorrow's Problem

S K Q 10 9 3	
D Q J 3	
C 6 3 2	
S 10 2	S J 5 3
H 8 7 6 5	4 2
4 2	10 6 5
D 2	CA 10 7 4
CK J 8	

(Dealer: East. North-South vulnerable.)

If East bids clubs, what card of the suit should West lead against 6-Spades by South, who at 6-0 stage had bid No Trumps?

## U.S. Takes Hand In New Greek Cabinet

Athens, Aug. 27. The United States Ambassador to Greece, Mr. Lincoln McVeagh, today wrote to Mr. Constantin Tsaldaris to clear up the misunderstanding between Mr. Tsaldaris and the chief of the American mission, Mr. Dwight Griswold, over the participation of Mr. Gonatas and Mr. Stephanopoulos in the Tsaldaris government.

Mr. Tsaldaris said Mr. Griswold informed him their participation was "inadmissible" but Mr. Griswold assured Mr. Tsaldaris he had said "inadvisable."

Mr. McVeagh's letter today did not discuss personalities but stressed the urgent need for a government on the broadest possible lines. The letter also urged Mr. Tsaldaris not to lose faith in American efforts in Greece.

Meanwhile, press reports said considerable guerrilla concentration had been observed in the Mount Kaimaktsalan area.

Troops operating in the Kaimaktsalan mountains reportedly captured 27 guerrillas and killed four. Other minor clashes were reported in the same area.

One Lefteris Athens newspaper said monarchists executed 37 "democrats," including women, and looted their bodies in a well at Salinita, near Mari in Peloponnese.

The steamship Frigos today delivered 180 Greek refugees from Rumania at Piraeus while, after noon newspapers said the refugees' property in Rumania would be seized and sold by auction.—United Press.

### President Gains Ground

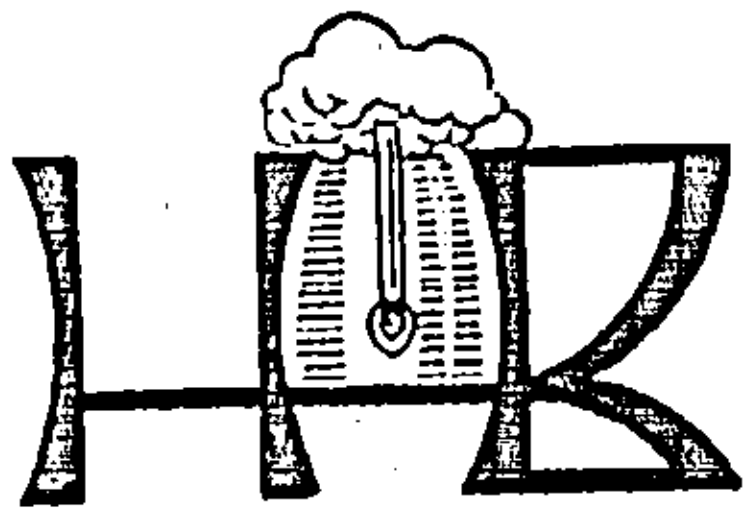
New York, Aug. 27. A magazine survey by Time finds that President Truman's popularity has been steadily increasing in the past few months and leads all the principal Republican opponents in the polls, except New York's Governor, Mr. Thomas E. Dewey. As between these two contenders, 48 per cent of the voters hoped that Truman will be the next President, 45 per cent hoped Dewey and 12 per cent had no preference. The figures as of last week were Dewey 50 and no opinion 22.—United Press.

Seoul, Korea, Aug. 27. Lieutenant General Albert Wedemeyer, President Truman's special envoy to China, said today that a 12-day investigation of the situation in Korea.—Reuter.





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## Silence On German Trade Talks

London, Aug. 27.

Delegation heads at the tripartite conference on the German level of industry met for two hours tonight and then withheld publication of the final communiqué reportedly because the French could not concur in its present form.

The communiqué, which will be from 600 to 800 words long, will be released tomorrow for publication in the Friday morning newspapers, when alterations have been made in accordance with the French wishes.

It was learned the communiqué would contain much "substantial information," but it was also known the French were far from satisfied with the results of the meeting.

M. Herve Aphaud, French financial expert who attended the conference and flew back to Paris today, said on his arrival there that the talks were a "total rebuff for France."

Another plenary session was scheduled for 10 p.m. tonight, but it was learned no further news would be forthcoming before the communiqué.

Informed French sources said that during the meetings the Anglo-Americans decided to follow their own formula and "only permitted France to express their views," United Press.

## BIG POLICE GUARD AROUND "MOON MAN"

London, Aug. 27.

The police took extra precautions today, when John Henry Cole was brought into court and charged with a bizarre series of sadistic attack on women, because it was just before the full moon—the period in which most of his assaults took place.

Cole, who had been so depressed since his arrest after an unusual nationwide search that he recently took a nearly fatal dose of poison, abruptly became violent before he was scheduled to appear.

Transformed, he kicked and bit at the five detectives who had to carry him into the dock. His shoes were taken away and his shirt was shredded in the struggle to get him into the court.

Crowds jamming the court room and overflowing outside saw the slim 28-year-old electrician, who fancies himself a ladies' man, keep struggling throughout the entire hearing so that detectives had to sit on each side of him, with three others lending a hand when needed.

When the statement, in which he allegedly admitted robbing and raping young women last April 17, was read, he profanely described it as false. He then clamped his legs through the bars of the dock and had to be forcibly taken back to his cell.

### Rare Step

Scotland Yard took the rare step of publishing Cole's pic-

ture while the search for him was underway. They were guided by previous experience when publication of the picture of Neville Heath—executed sadist—was prohibited and Heath killed a second woman while being sought.

Among the cases the prisoner has been questioned about is the murder of Inge Petersen, pretty Danish girl. He is suspected of having whipped several other girls, one of whom he chained to a bed all night long.

Most of these attacks took place just before the full moon. The moon will come to a full again in four days.—United Press.

## Sir John Orr Appeals To Perss

Geneva, Aug. 27.

Sir John Boyd Orr, Director General of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation, today appealed to the world's press to aid in pressing the national Governments to establish a World Food Council which would relieve the impending European winter food crisis.

The FAO's constitution made it a "mere fact-finding body" incapable of concrete actions, Sir John declared.

The establishment of a World Food Council now on the agenda of the present third annual conference of FAO would be a step in the right direction, but national Governments were afraid to move.

Only the press and public opinion could force them, he said.

Appealing to correspondents, he said: "If you agree to the basic principle, give me a hand."

Sir John said that the situation in Europe could be improved next winter by better collection and distribution of farm produce and if "exporting countries squeezed themselves a little to help others"—Reuter.

## Truman Going To Brazil

Washington, Aug. 27.

The White House today announced that President Truman would leave by plane for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on Sunday morning and would address the closing session of the inter-American defense conference in the Brazilian capital.

En route to Rio, Mr. Truman will stop in Trinidad and Belmont, Brazil. He will return to the United States aboard the battleship Missouri, reaching Washington on some time between September 16 and September 20.

It will be his first trip in the newly-delivered DC-6 four-engined transport.

Mrs. Truman and their daughter Margaret will accompany the President.—United Press.

## AUSTRALIANS IN AUCKLAND

Auckland, N.Z., Aug. 27.

A party of 22 Australian businessmen arrived here today on their way to Japan to investigate possibilities of reopening trade.

Six New Zealand businessmen will also leave for Japan shortly on a similar mission.

All the members of the party agreed they did not expect much from the visit, and stressed the difficulty caused by Japan being a hard currency country.

They pointed out, however, that Australia and New Zealand felt the United States, which already had 400 businessmen in Japan, should not have a monopoly of any trade available.—Reuter.

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## Tokyo's "Canary Case"

Tokyo, Aug. 27.

An Army order, which some tearful wives of occupation personnel termed the "Canary Murder Case," told all civilian and army families living in apartment billets in Tokyo to get rid of pets within 42 hours from Wednesday noon.

A headquarters official described a pet as a "dog, cat, rabbit, chicken, monkey—but not necessarily the canary." "The gold fish is termed 'decorative' and therefore not affected by the order.

The exact status of the canary still seemed doubtful since at least one War Department civilian living in the Japanese War Ministry apartments was told by the Building Custodian that he would have to dispose of his two Hartz mountain warblers. He refused in writing.

Mr. Sheldon C. Vesson, civilian employed at SCAP's Economic and Scientific Section, said: "The Custodian told me that at a high policy conference at Headquarters and Service Command this morning, a colonel ruled that a 'gold fish is decorative' but that a canary is a pet. Gold fish can stay, but canaries must go."

"My wife says she is going to take them to Headquarters and give them personally to the officer who wrote the order."

### Nuisance Reasons

Maj. G. E. Schubert, of Headquarters and Service Group, told United Press that pets were being ousted for nuisance reasons. He said: "There are rabbits and monkeys—I knew of one family that used to have chickens. That talk about canaries being ordered out is nonsense."

Another officer said the order was implemented because of the complaints of other residents of apartment billets who disliked howling dogs and 'fretful cats. He said Headquarters was making efforts to find kennels where dispossessed dogs can be boarded until owners are ready to take home.

A woman apartment dweller, who wanted her name to be kept secret, said: "My husband is only a first lieutenant. I guess they can order him to do what they want. But if my dog goes so do I."—United Press.

## Bulwark In Europe

New York, Aug. 27.

The Foreign Relations Committee of the American Legion reported that "the greatest menace in the field of international relations facing America is the aggressive spread of Communism fostered and promoted by a powerful totalitarian state."

It said the Marshall Plan was of "vital concern to every American."

"Its purpose is to maintain the bulwark in Western Europe which is at present damming back the rising flood of Communism. The dam is a fragile structure and if it should break, the Red tide would rush through to the Atlantic seaboard."

The Committee urged Congressional support of the Marshall Plan and also urged "control of the acute situation in the Balkans coupled with continued strengthening of the United Nations."—United Press.

## "Gestapo" In Kenya

Mombasa, Kenya, Aug. 27.

It was learned today that the Kenya authorities had arrested the leader of the African workers Federation here, Chega Kibachia, under the colony's deportation ordinance, and that the case was heard in Chambers with the public and the press excluded.

Kibachia was the main speaker at a recent mass meeting, when a strike of African workers throughout Kenya was threatened. Blackdogs were warned that they would "have their ears cut off"—Reuter.



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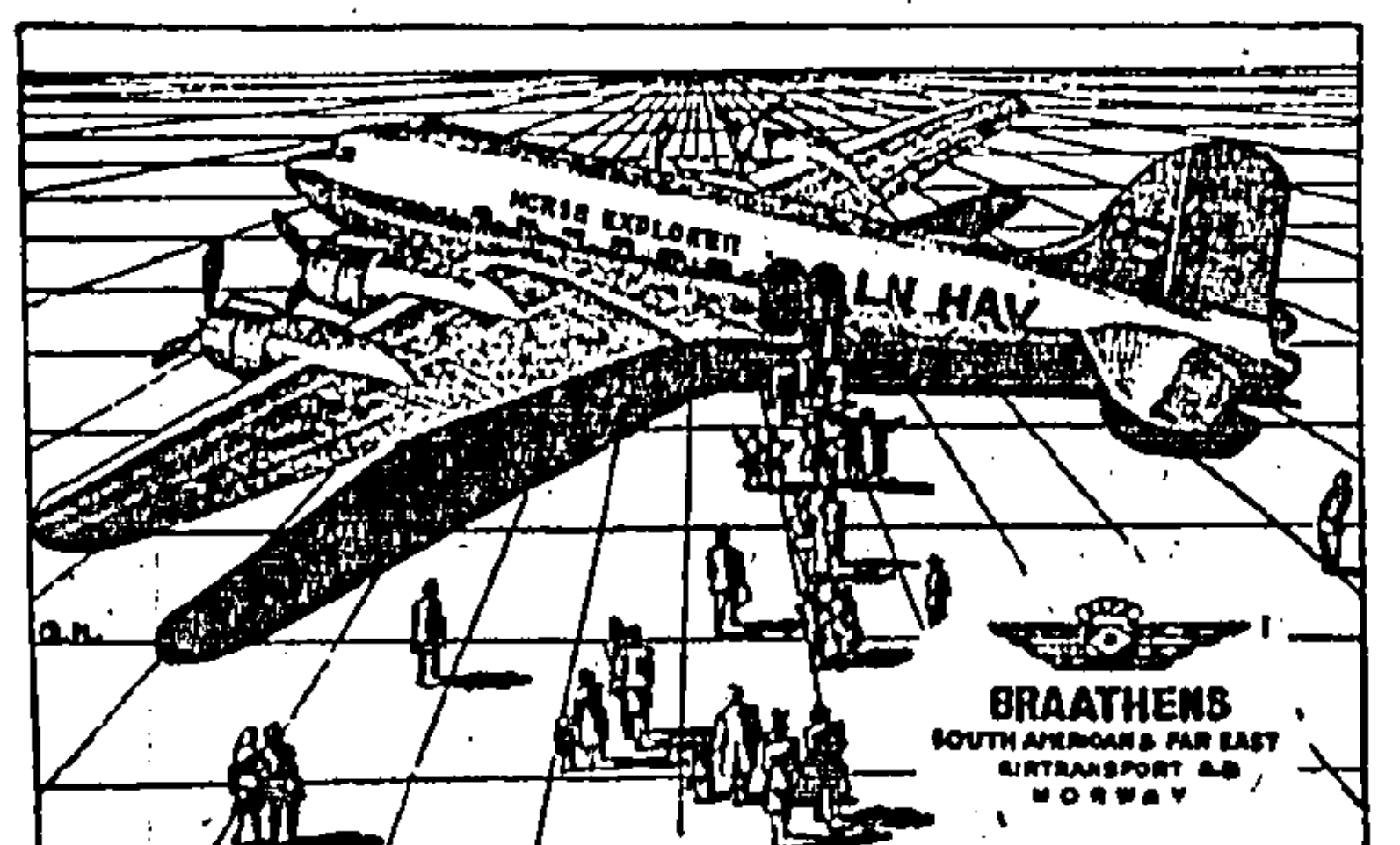
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## China Blames U.S. For "Sorry Plight"

Nanking, Aug. 28.

Several key members of Premier Chang Chun's Cabinet today blamed "repeated mistakes made by the United States during and after the war" for the Chinese people's "sorry plight."

A highly placed government official told the Associated Press that these officials voiced that opinion at Tuesday's regular cabinet meeting during a heated discussion on General Wedemeyer's farewell statement.

The United States insisted on Soviet participation in the war "when all along the Chinese Government tried in vain to convince the Americans that the days of the Japanese empire were numbered, and there was no need for Russian participation in the Asiatic theatre," government officials said.

The situation in Manchuria and North China, would never have been what it is now had the American Government listened to Chinese advice and kept the Russians out of the war picture in the Far East.

"While we admit that there is corruption and inefficiency in the national government, as pointed out by Wedemeyer, we also want the Americans to reflect a little on their past policies," one of the Cabinet members with a ministerial rank was quoted to have said.

The cabinet was divided on Foreign Minister Wang Shih-chieh's letter to Gen. Wedemeyer wherein Wang is reported to have taken the exception to Wedemeyer's intimation that expanding Communist influence in China

was due largely to the decrepit Central Government. The letter was delivered to Wedemeyer the day he left for Tokyo.—Associated Press.

## British Officer Arrested

Rangoon, Aug. 27.

Major C. H. Young, a British army officer attached to the Burma Unit, has been arrested at Imsein, under the Public Order (Preservations) Act, it was announced today.

The Burmese press said that though there were no allegations made against Major Young of implication in the assassinations last month of the seven Burmese Ministers, including the Prime Minister, U Aung San, "he is suspected by the authorities of having connections with U Saw."—Reuter.

### RESIGNATION

Tehran, Aug. 27.

Ghavam Es Sultanch, the Persian Prime Minister, resigned today in accordance with the constitution after the election of the new Majlis (Parliament).

A new Cabinet is expected shortly when the approved Majlis attains administrative power.—Reuter.

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## 60,000 WATCH ARSENAL DOWNCARLTON

London, Aug. 27. Buses, trams and trains in South London were crowded to capacity tonight when a crowd of 60,000 — the biggest mid-week gate at any League football match in London for many seasons — watched the Arsenal beat Charlton at the Valley.

Intending spectators who could not find room in public transport vehicles, begged lifts on lorries, and private motorists helped by taking enthusiasts on their way to the ground.

The shirt-sleeved crowd gave the police and parking marshals no trouble, and fainting cases were rare.

The pre-match scenes, however, were in the road, surrounding the Charlton ground, where spectators were reported after the match.

Wolverhampton Wanderers, quickly dispelled any doubts that they have arisen from their defeat at the Maine Ground on Saturday by trouncing Grimsby Town eight goals to one after the visitors had gained the lead in the first few seconds of play.

The chief architect of the W.L. victory was Pym, who scored the hat-trick, and Westcott and Smythe, who scored two goals each.

Brilliant inside forward play paved the way for Manchester United soundly to defeat Luton at the Maine Road ground.

The League champions were hampered by an injury to the full back, Hargreaves, in the second half, but the United had already gained the ascendancy.

By the relegated clubs, Brentford and Leeds lost by single margins.

Billington, the Luton centre-forward, registered the hat-trick at Griffin Park, and a second goal by another leader enabled Newcastle to take full points from their visit to Chesterfield, where the defenses predominated.

More than half a million people watched the 23 English League matches, in which 16 clubs failed to score.

Following are the results of the matches played last night:

**DIVISION I**  
Charlton 2, Arsenal 4.  
Chelsea 1, Blackburn 0.  
Everton 1, Manchester City 0.  
Huddersfield 2, Blackpool 0.  
Manchester United 2, Liverpool 0.  
Sunderland 0, Aston Villa 0.  
Wolverhampton 8, Grimsby 1.

**DIVISION II**  
Barnley 3, Leeds United 0.  
Brentford 0, Luton 2.  
Burton 2, Tottenham 0.  
Chesterfield 0, Newcastle 1.  
Notts Forest 1, Bradford 2.  
Southampton 3, Sheffield W. 1.  
West Bromwich A. 2, Fulham 0.

**DIVISION III (SOUTH)**  
Birmingham 1, 0, Q.P. Rangers 3.  
Crystal Palace 1, Aldershot 0.  
Exeter City 1, Reading 0.  
Gillingham 1, Port Vale 2.  
Southend 2, Ipswich 2.

**DIVISION III (NORTH)**  
Bradford City 1, Wrexham 0.  
Crewe Alex. 0, Man. City T. 0.  
Gateshead 1, Darlington 2.  
Huddersfield 1, Tranmere R. 1.  
Sheff. Wednesday 1, 0, 0, Q.P. Rangers 3.

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE "A"**  
Dundee 1, Queens Park 0.  
Falkirk 4, Morton 1.  
Hibernian 7, Airdrieonians 1.  
Motherwell 5, Hearts 1.  
Partick Thistle 0, Rangers 1.  
Third Lanark 2, Clyde 1.

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE "B"**  
Albion Rovers 4, Dundee United 0.  
Aberdeen 2, Dumbarton 1.  
Cowdenbeath 1, Leith 2.  
Dumfries 2, Stenhousemuir 2.  
East Fife 2, St. Johnstone 0.  
Kilmarnock 7, Raith Rovers 1.  
Stirling Albion 4, Ayr United 1.

—Reuter.

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"This was done at a meeting held the same afternoon. In view of the fact that the new demand might be considered to involve a change in the rate of the Rehabilitation Allowance, all employers paying the allowance were invited to be present at the meeting."

"The dockyard employers considered that the demands now put forward were completely unreasonable and unrealistic."

"They did not think that any attempt had been made by the workers to appreciate the realities of the situation."

"They were of the opinion that it would be useless to make any counter offer in view of the enormous wage gap between what the men were asking and what they considered economically possible."

"In so doing might create the impression that they were prepared to consider making substantial increases in their original offer, whereas in point of fact they had been carefully worked out and could not be materially increased, although it might be subject to variation."

"They were prepared to continue negotiations if the strikers' demands were modified to an extent that brought them within a reasonable distance of the employers' offer and it was arranged that the Labour Officer should see the Engineers' Institute representatives on the following day."

**Gradings**

"This meeting took place at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 27, and lasted for about three hours."

"In the course of the meeting the representatives' attention was drawn to the fact that although they had withdrawn their claim for annual increments the grading of labour in the dockyards was a matter of fact and an incremental basis, and that it was unlikely that their members would in the future be satisfied to be placed on a flat rate of pay with no allowance for skill or length of service."

"They were invited to consider in detail the employer's offer, and to work out the actual increase in basic wages that it conveyed."

"Alternatively, it was suggested that they might reduce their own demands to a point at which some compromise might be possible."

"They were told that the employers considered their present demands completely unacceptable and did not think that they represented a serious effort to find a compromise which would end the strike."

"The meeting closed on the understanding that further consideration would be given to the matter by the Engineers' Institute."

"Shortly after 10 a.m. on Thursday morning the Labour Officer informed the Engineers' Institute that they did not wish to continue negotiations in his office."

**Comparison**

"For purpose of comparison the demand is set out in their chronological order—"

(a) *Engineers' Institute*—A demand for 150% increase in basic wages of all skilled artisans.

(b) *Employers' Offer*—The present minimum basic wage of 25 cents per hour to be maintained for all new employees. All skilled artisan time workers at present employed in the dockyards to be raised to a minimum of 30 cents per hour. On this minimum an increment of one cent per hour for every year of service over two years, to all the above mentioned.

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to another person. He also admitted that it was, in his experience, not the usual policy of Government to take back land from one to give to another unless the other had a greater claim.

## "Old, Undesireable Elements In Japan"

Tokyo, August 28. Emperor Hirohito's repeated inspection trips brought sharp criticism today from Assistant Professor Yoshio Nakano of the Tokyo University, who charged that "old undesirable elements" are using him to stay in power.

Nakano wrote in the "Daichi Shimbun" that he is a supporter of the "Emperor system" but believed public feeling should be "reasonable" and view the Emperor as a human being instead of a god.

He also charged that on the inspection trips officials of the Imperial Household "virtually commandeer luxurious food in the name of the Emperor."—Associated Press.

## MIDDLESEX HAS HIGH HOPE OF COUNTY TITLE

London, Aug. 27. By their convincing win over their neighbours — Surrey — Middlesex have virtually assured themselves of the County cricket championship. In fact, they need only a first innings lead in one of the remaining two matches to make their position a certainty.

They are now leading by twenty points, their nearest rivals Gloucestershire, who also have two matches to play, but Gloucestershire probably miss their chance by getting no points from their latest encounter with Hampshire, who cheekily stole first innings points in a drawn game.

Middlesex is the team of the year when remembering what their "twins"—Compton and Edrich—have done on behalf of England.

In addition, Denis Compton, having scored another century in the match against Surrey, needs only one more to equal Jack Hobbs' record of 16 hundreds in one season, and it would be a great feather in his cap if he got two before he puts away his cricket boots for football boots, and took the record himself.

Another point about Middlesex is the fostering of young players. The 17-year-old schoolboy, Ian Bedford, tied up the Essex batsmen with his leg-breaks and googlies when making his first appearance for the County a month ago. He has now done a similar service

against Surrey, with a five wicket haul for 63 performance.

More County Clubs are now realising the value of up and coming youngsters. Many are already "catching them young."

The Middlesex Grammar School Cricket Association will soon hold its first "Cricket Week." G. O. Allen, captain and manager of the England team which will tour the West Indies this coming winter, is president of this Association, and young Bedford will captain the "Cricket Week" team, which will play its matches on various London grounds.

Trevor Bailey is another promising young player, and he has given good service to Essex this week. He has been selected to go on the West Indies tour, and the experience is likely to make him a formidable bowler for next season.

Yorkshire, who started the season badly, are now winning matches, and are undaunted by the fact that the County Championship has clouded them this season. They too have been giving a chance to the young players, and the experiment is already bearing fruit.—Reuter.

## Compton Has Piled Up 3000 Runs

London, Aug. 27. Denis Compton, the Middlesex and England batsman, today became the first player since 1938 to score three thousand runs in a season.

He reached this total when scoring the thirty-fifth run of his innings of 60 against Northamptonshire, and is the fifteenth cricketer to perform this feat, which has been done on 24 occasions.

Bill Edrich, his County colleague, also had the chance of completing his three thousand runs, in the same innings, but scored only four runs before being dismissed.

A fortnight ago, Edrich required only 24 to obtain his three thousand, whereas Compton then needed 582 runs.

Although losing their last seven wickets for 59 runs, Middlesex are well on the road to making sure of the County Championship by beating Northamptonshire.

A grand fifth wicket partnership at Canterbury between Ken Viljoen and Oswald Dawson, which added 150 runs in a hundred minutes, was the best feature of the impressive batting display by the South African cricket tourists against Kent.

The tourists scored 410 all out by close of play.

Viljoen played an excellent innings for 104, and though he made some uncertain strokes, his best scoring shots in front of the wicket were sure and polished. Dawson gave a dazzling display of attacking strokes all round the wicket, and scored 48 of his 87 runs in boundary hits.

Bruce Mitchell and George Fullerton, each with 40, were the next best South African scorers.

## Norwegian Plane Crashes

Oslo, Aug. 28. A Norwegian Airlines Sunderland flying boat, carrying 27 passengers and six crewmen, crashed into the Klubbene Mountain, south of Harstad in Northern Norway, in thick fog early today.

Officials of the airline said that they have received no word of the fate of those aboard.

They would not reveal whether the plane was on the Oslo-Tromsø run carrying foreign passengers.

In Stockholm, the editor of "Lofoten Tidende" in Narvik told the United Press by telephone that all the passengers and crew members were killed when the plane crashed at 9.30 a.m. local time.

The plane he added, immediately burst into flames. 32 bodies were counted.—United Press.

## Baseball

New York, Aug. 28. In the American League, the League-leading New York Yankees edged out St. Louis 7-6 in 10 innings.

Yankee George Slaughter smacked the first ball for a single in the first inning. Then with the score tied in the 10th inning, he hit for a circle to win the game, splitting another doubleheader with Detroit.

Washington upset Chicago 6-5. Senator Eddie Yost scored the winning run.

In the National League, Chicago beat the League-leading Brooklyn Dodgers 6-3. Score: Chicago 6, Brooklyn 3.

	R	H	E
New York	7	8	0
St. Louis	6	6	2
Winning pitcher Joe Page		2	6
Boston (1st game)	2	6	1
Detroit	7	6	0
Winning pitcher Russ Overmire		5	4
Boston (2nd game)	5	4	0
Detroit	4	8	2
Winning pitcher Joe Dobson		6	12
Washington	6	12	0
Chicago	5	9	1
Winning pitcher Mito Candini		5	9

—Associated Press.

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workers subject to a maximum rate of 50 cents per hour. Workers who were employed before the war to receive a further increment of two cents per hour. Service in any dockyard to count for purposes of estimating a man's position in the scale in all the commercial dockyards. The general effect of this offer is to increase the basic wages of all skilled time workers by 20-25% with special cases receiving a higher percentage.

(c) *Engineers' Institute* counter proposals—Overall increase of 120% on existing wages. This increase to be 60% on basic wage and 60% on a special allowance. Overtime pay to be based on basic plus special allowance. Payments to be retrospective from February to the present day.

**Strikers' View**

Chinese Engineers' Institute officials, interviewed last night as to whether they would make further concessions if employers refused to make any move, said their answer to the Labour Officer was clear.

There was no further walk-out yesterday but talks of joining the strike are reported to have taken place among some 300 electricians in the employ of the Public Works Department.

Tramway workers, at a meeting yesterday afternoon, unanimously endorsed the resolution passed the previous evening, in which an immediate demand was made to be handed to the management for an approximate 100% increase in wages.

It was not revealed at the meeting what form the demand should take—whether it was to be an ultimatum, or whether ground would be left for mutual discussion.

Last night workers of two other utilities—Hong Kong Electric and Hong Kong Telephone—also met. Decisions were arrived at for lodging demands on their respective managements for pay increases.

The Telephone employees asked for a 100% increase in wages. The Electric workers were undecided as to whether the increase should cover wages or allowance, or both.

Both these companies' employees will hold a further meeting probably today.

If the resolutions are ratified, it is expected that immediate action will be taken.

## BRITAIN HAS NEW AUSTERITY PROGRAMME

London, Aug. 27. The Government tonight announced an economy programme to save imports worth £228,000,000 annually by imposing 'new restrictions on food, foreign travel and petrol.

Pleasure motoring will be banned altogether by the abolition of the basic petrol ration, which means that private consumers will get petrol only for the purposes deemed necessary for the life of the nation. Such allowances are made to doctors, officials and others.

No exchange will be available for travel outside the sterling area after October 1 except for purposes explicitly approved by the exchange control.

Only four types of application will be considered:

1. For necessary business purposes.

2. For good professional reasons or to participate in conferences of reputable international bodies or international sports and similar events and urgent compassionate cases.

3. Health cases of grave urgency will be provided for.

4. University and post-graduate education and research.

**Britain's Riposte**

The 10 Downing Street statement, regarded as Britain's reply to any foreign suggestion that the nation was not doing all it could to lift itself out of trouble by its own bootstraps, said:

"During the past two weeks, the Government have been reviewing the economic programme which they announced in debate in the House of Commons on August 6 and 7. The broad aims of this programme have not been effected by the sudden increase in the drain on dollar resources, which led to last week's decision to limit convertibility of sterling."

"This development of the situation has, however, made it necessary for Government to accelerate and intensify the measures which they were already taking to narrow the gap between our foreign expenditure and our earnings. As a result, Government have now decided to bring the following measures into operation at once."

"The Government trusts that in the present circumstances no one will take a foreign holiday in September unless he had already entered into commitments which he cannot break," the statement said.

## Depth Charges Guard Against Jew "Frog Men"

Gibraltar, Aug. 27. Anti-personnel depth charges were dropped at 15-minute intervals throughout the night around the three transports in which the 4,350 "Exodus" Jews are being taken to Hamburg as a defence against attacks by "frog men."

As the three vessels lay in Gibraltar Harbour during the two days' break in the voyage from Port de Bouc, Southern France, to Hamburg, where the illegal Jewish immigrants are to be disembarked, batteries of powerful searchlights were trained on them throughout the night from the subterranean fortifications of "The Rock."

British authorities are taking every precaution against a possible attempt by the immigrants to seize control of any of the three ships.

Welding crews visited all three transports this morning to strengthen the cases on their foredecks and to inspect the hatches leading to the holds.

The night-long vigilance against attempts to sabotage the ships from the shore was also continued.

From dawn, naval launches were carefully circled the refugee fleet, scanning the water for signs of "frog men."

The ships were docked at a detached mole, unconnected with the shore. Unofficial boats were not allowed within hailing distance.

On shore, a mixed army, naval and special intelligence police cordons sealed off all approaches to the jetty from which launches put off to the ships.

Anyone seeking access to the ships had to show identity papers three times, at each of the three concentric rings of armed guards around the jetty.

It was expected that the

ships would not leave port until tomorrow.

A report from Paris said that the French Foreign Office announced tonight that the French Government had replied today, favourably but with certain reservations, to the British request of August 23 that the 4,350 Jewish "Exodus" refugees be taken back to France from the British Zone of Germany when they disembarked at Hamburg.

The French Government, in its reply stipulated the following reservations:

1. That the refugees voluntarily express a desire to come to France.

2. That the readmission would not constitute a "precedent" for subsequent admission of other "displaced persons" from Germany.

3. That the admission of these refugees to France would not exceed the 5,000 limit set by the French Government in August 1946.

It was considered by competent observers in Paris that these views of the French Government will require serious consideration.—Reuter.

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